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NEW YORK

July 5, 1919

My dear Wood:-

I thought you might be interested in the letter received this morning from Col. Wyllie, a copy of which I am inclosing together with my reply to it. I am also planning a nice chatty letter to Mr. Saltus which will include casual mention of the War Departments interest in our collection and a delicate expression of our regret that certain pieces (specified in detail) are not already in our possesion.

Everything is running smoothly so far, except for the really terrific heat which I hope you and the family are escaping.

Yours truly,

Arthur L. Hyman

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NEW YORK

Naval Lady

July 5th, 1919

My dear Woody:-

Your first day of absence turned out to be a very busy one. Mr. Noe left shortly after ten o-clock and did not return until the middle of the afternoon so I was alone when the excitement began. First a hard featured damsel from the New York Evening Post came up to get a story on the Peace Medal. Before she left her story had grown to a general discus- of the production of artistivc medals in this country with special reference to the medals of the American Numismatic Society. The next visitor was a man named Sloane from the National City Bank on a hunt for material for an article in their magazine on early American and colonial coins. With the aid of Crosby's book, I was able to give him all he wanted and send him away contented. Then came the climax of the day when Mr. Herbert Adams arrived with Colonel Wiley of the General Staff. It seems that the question of the design of bars for the Victory medal has been bothering them and they came up here for assistance and advice. They got it. In fact everything went beautifully and they decided on a bar similar to that on the British Army General Service medal. The five barred Peninsula medal was what brought about the determination. Naturally I did not let them get away scot free and Col. Wiley promised us a copy of the medal as soon as one was available together with all the bars. Before that he is going to have a piece of the ribbon sent us. He is also going to send us some other things including the general orders authorizing the wearing of the fou--- (I can't spell it) French citations cords, by the U. S. units that are entitled to them. He said that only five American units had received them and that they had not been given to any of the marines. The ones that had got them were hospital and ambulance units and one flying squadron. He also said that a new type of oak leaf cluster for citations had been adopted and is going to send us one of them. Altogether it was a most satisfactory visit. As Noe' says "a good point of contact has been established".

Hope you are having a fine time.

Very truly yours,

Arthur C. Hyman

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July 7, 1919.

My dear Wood:-

I am having sent to you to-day two letters - one from Mr. Beaver enclosing his check which I thought you might like to have during your vacation. The principle item of news this morning was a message over the phone from the Indian Museum in regard to a Peace Medal which they had and wanted us to take. I went over and got it finding it to be the James K. Polk Medal of the smaller size. It is a nearly fine specimen and vastly superior to our own copy which is the poorest one we have in our collection..

Mr. Hye said that it was part of a collection of Indian material which they wanted to buy and wanted to find out how much we would give for it. It is so much superior to our own specimen that after consulting with Noe and Mr. Newell I offered him $17.50 and he accepted the offer. I feel that it is really a very good buy.

Later in the morning Mr. Frazier came in with an officer whose name I did not get but who was sent by Col. Wiry to go over again with him the design of clasps for the Victory Medal. We had a very successful discussion and I think the Society is decidedly on the map as far as the War Department is concerned. The Captain who came this morning brought with him and left with us the new Victory Buttons to be worn with civilian clothes and the enameled button like the Distinguished Service Medal Button also to be worn with civilian clothes and promised me every other piece when they were ready. He also promised me a Victory Medal with a complete set of clasps.

Very respectfully yours,

Arthur C. Wyman
per E. B.

Assistant to the Curator.

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY,
Broadway at 156th Street,
New York, N. Y.

July 9th, 1919

My dear Wood:-

I have just discovered that the 2nd page of Col, Wyllie's letter has gotten mislaid and therefor wish you would return it the copy of it which I sent you as I want to be ready when he asks for the photographs. I forgot to tell you before that I spoke with Col. Wyllie when he was here about the N. G. medals for the Spanish War and Mexican Border medals and have since learned that he has signed an order for them to be sent to us. I will also get after the other matters mentioned in your letter. I had told Merritt what I had learned before I heard from you.

Noe has just got another large bunch of Metapontum pieces from Spink and is enjoying himself immensly. Did you get the catalogue of Elder's sale that I sent you?

Hope you are having as comfortable weather as we have had the last few days,

Yours,

Arthur C. Wyman

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July 14th, 1919

My dear Wood:-

A small lot of decorations of the Allies arrived from Schulman this morning. These all have the same or even more shoddy appearance of the last lot. Indeed the specimen of the English Military Medal is obviously a fake, the medal and the scroll and bar from which it hangs being all cast in one solid piece. It is not even like the pictures or the miniature we have. The Italian medal for valor is also pretty punk. In view of all this I spoke to Mr. Newell and with his approval have decided not to notify Schulman that the rest of our stuff (German and Austrian) can be sent to us under the new blanket licenses which have been granted for goods of enemy origin. Frankly, I am suspicious of all his war medals and decorations now.

Things have been running along very smoothly, with rather an increasing number of visitors, many of whom have shown a real and intelligent interest. One man from Canton China was fascinated by our collection of Chinese material and gave me his Chinese address, (he is going back in a few weeks) and offered to help us in any way he could. He apparently has a small but well selected collection of the early coins and certainly seems to know his subject.

The Council meets this afternoon and I believe Noe is going down. We have ~~fixxnewxmembers~~ twelve new members to propose which is doing pretty well for the hot weather.

Yours truly

Arthur O. Wagner

Did I tell you that a letter has come from the Adjutant General say that Quarter master General has been ordered to send us the R. J. medals.

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July 21,,1919..

My dear Wood:-

Your note received this morning enclosing the two cheques, which I have sent to the bank. You will find the receipt herewith.

I am also enclosing the letter I received last week from Capt. D'Olieí. This came to confirm the verbal request which he made the day previous to writing, at which time he said that it was Col. Wyllie's desire that I go to Philadelphia.. I showed the letter to Newell and both he and Noe thought it best for me to go and I am planning to spend to-morrow, (Tuesday) at the Mint unless I hear that this would be inconvenient for Mr. Morgan.

It has seemed entirely impossible to get any work done here the last two weeks for every time I got in my stride somebody interrupted and generally the interruptions were worth while giving attention to. I wrote you about the gentleman from China. Since then a man has come in who has recently arrived in this country from Poland. He is an enthusiastic numismatist; he made a great impression on Mr. Newell who spent some time with him and he offered to place at our disposal, for the next several months, his very complete knowledge of Europeon languages.. He knows every modern language of the continent with the exception of Finnish and Hungarian.

Three times there have been reporters here for stories in regard to the Peace Medal and it so happened that Noe was away each time and I had to do the honors.. In addition to all this there has been a stream of less important vistors and all the time we have been having the most beastly weather. I hope you have been able to avoid that.

Very truly yours,

Arthur C. Hyman

Hotel Wilhellmina
242 Mountain St
Montreal

My dear Wood:-

Yours with Saltis's note enclosed received yesterday. Too bad he is not interested in the Gun Money but suppose it can't be helped.

I am enclosing two bits of ribbon. One is the new Canadian General Service ribbon; the other

the Mons ribbon.

You don't mention forwarding my draft in care of Mr. Hill but I presume you have done so.

They wants me to go out with him now so will not write any more at present

Yours truly

Arthur C. Hyman

September 16th, 1919.

Mr. Arthur C. Wyman,
Queens Hotel,
Montreal, Canada.

Dear Wyman:-

Things have been going along smoothly since you left. Noe is back after a very enjoyable trip with the fishes in some Canadian Lake. Dudley Butler may write to you as he was surprised to know you had gone, and I gave him your address.

The enclosed letter from Mr. Saltus I opened as I thought there might be certain things in it that we could attend to. I will write a line to the man with the Irish gun money and tell him nothing doing.

I hope you two are having the times of your young lives among the French Canadian prolitariat.

Very truly,

Hotel Wilhelmina
242 Mountain St
Montreal, Canada
Sept 17th, 1919

My dear Wood:—

This town is jammed full and after trying very hard we finally came to rest here which is by no means the worst I have ever seen.

I forgot to ~~[illegible]~~ get the address of the man in Ireland who has the collection of your money and by the way

Hotel Continental, Paris is all that is necessary to make me happy, is it not?

I am sending this - with, as a gift to the Society two frames of Paper models I started up to date. They are like the one Hornsey got, about which he wrote me. I also got another, one which I am sending Nesby.

We send it here

and the 24th and then
said.

and never opened letter,
even not to you all time you
might say have received it.

Regards to everyone

Yours sincerely

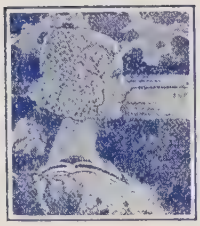
Charles S. Hanna

HOTEL WILHELMINA
"THE EXCLUSIVE HOUSE"
238.244 MOUNTAIN STREET
TELEPHONE: UPTOWN 5346
MONTREAL
CAN.

Sept 23rd 1919

My dear Wood:—

I am sending to-day to Beeley two Prince of Wales medals similar to those I sent you. Wormser asked me to get these for him. They cost me $1.25 for the two and I am asking him to pay this amount to



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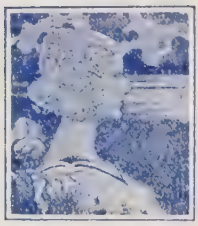
you plus the postage. When you get it will you be so good as to let Fred deposit it to my account in my bank. I left a very small balance and should be glad to strengthen it by even this small amount.

We are getting off to-morrow and everything has gone fine so far. This week



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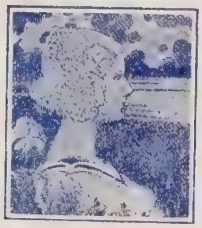
in Montreal has been very useful and I think has done both Mary and myself a lot of good. I bought a pipe the other day and now haven't smoked a cigarette for six days.

This town is full of soldiers. They are much



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more in evidence than in New York.

Give my regards to Howell, Hoe and the rest.

Yours sincerely

Arthur C. Hayman

September 23rd, 1919.

Mr. Arthur C. Wyman,
c/o Thomas Cook & Son,
Ludgate Circus,
London, England.

My dear Wyman:-

I meant to have written you again before you left but a week end trip embracing Friday, Saturday and Monday put me out of touch with letter writing. I did write to Hill enclosing the second draft of your money, and probably it will be waiting your arrival. I received from some mysterious person in New York the copy of a handbook by Hopkins. Probably you left instructions to have this sent to me. Also your two letters from the Hotel Wilhelmina. Many thanks for the two ribbons and the two Prince of Wales medals. I trust you will be able to carry on in the same style. I find that Noe has answered the questions in your letter.

I hope the first impression of England is good and that you are going to like your stay over there.

Very truly yours,

NORTH WESTERN HOTEL,

LIVERPOOL, Oct 5 1919

My dear Wood:—

We landed early yesterday morning after a nine and half day passage. Poor coal was responsible for a slow trip, which was otherwise very pleasant although the ship was fearfully crowded. May and I both escaped seasickness, except for a few hours discomfort while we were still in

the Gulf of the St. Lawrence. We came out by way of the Straits of Belle Isle, north of Newfoundland and saw a number of icebergs. The were a lot of English and Canadian officers on board including Maj. Gen Sir Geoffrey Twining of the Royal Engineers.

We are tied up here in Liverpool by the Railroad strike but expect to get to London shortly. In the meantime we are getting acquainted with this city. Among other things I discovered a pawnbrokers which had a very inter-

esting lot of medals and I bought two Spanish American War medals for the Society. These I am quite sure we did not have. If they should happen to be duplicates I will take them my self when I get back. I am sending them on under separate cover to day.

Since writing the above we have learned

the strike is settled and I have wired London for hotel accomodations and shall go on as soon as I have a satisfactory reply.

Regards to everyone

Very Truly

Arthur C. Hyman

October 11th, 1919.

Arthur C. Wyman, Esq.,
c/o Thomas Cook & Son,
Ludgate Circus,
London, England.

Dear Wyman:-

Things have been jogging along slowly since you left. I went to the A N A Convention the other day in Philadelphia and had a good time.

We presented the Queen of the Belgians with a gold membership medal the other day here in New York. On Mr. Saltus' suggestion she was made an Honorary Member. The whole thing went off in good shape.

Beesley paid me the $1.50 yesterday for the two Prince of Wales medals, and I will see that this money is deposited in your bank.

Col. Wyllie has written me a long letter with more recent information about two or three different medals. He seems to be extremely interested in reciprocating some of the help we have given him. Merritt saw him awhile ago in Washington. It now looks as if we were going to make an exhibition in December of all of General Marsh's and General Pershing's decorations. Keep your eye out for new things and decorations and all literature on the subject. Colon Polden may have a new lithographed sheet out. Col. Bailie has been up a number of times. He is working with Wyllie on some article that Wyllie is getting out.

When you see Saltus impress upon him the fact that the past two years the Society has become the authority in this country on decorations. All the publishers, authors and the government rely on us and that where in the past we have gone at the thing in a rather haphazard manner we now have got to tackle the subject in a scientific way.

October 20th, 1919.

An officer told me the other day that he saw at Coblenz many German soldiers with Iron Crosses without the silver rim. See what you can find out about these, and if they are official try to get hold of one. Possibly the German government were hanging on to their silver towards the latter part of the war.

I have been in correspondence with a Leopold J. P. Messenger, 111 Brecknock Road, Tufnell Park, London, W. He seems to collect West

Indian coins. What else I do not know. You might make a note to look him up if time hangs heavy on your hands. I wrote him the other day that you were over there, and if you could make connections would try to drop him a line and tell him what we were doing in this country.

I am sending you a description of the Order of Sokol that Col. Wyllie sent on to me. I have also given the same dope to Saltus. As this was issued in Siberia I thought possibly you might run across one in England. If so put Saltus on to it.

Very truly,

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They are illustrated, as I do remember, in the U. S. Catalogue of Indian Corn. The ears are given to strengthen some of the inferior varieties from the Colonial woods. They are very hard to get at the formation of one is a great deal more getting an ear of corn, as the men who worked at it might tell you from having to deal with everything else since. Indian corn is second after.

Sweet corn is the ear from its tender condition. Many of the market gardeners are white corned and the boiling varieties are a mixture

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yesterday and a long chat with him. He is injured greatly.

We have been to Madrid and Toledo. They were both very cold, as a result of rain & blizzards. We spent much with Tom & Pat. Jenny made and ate the time of our visit very pleasant for them & us.

Now we must settle our affairs & trains. Tom Mr. Dalton & not have expected some minor repairs in our in a thing & trip & with

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[illegible] present condition.

Give my regards to my [illegible] and to Mr. Howell I shall write him soon.

To-day is Sunday and as I sit at the window, I am reminded of the scenes across the street which may be seen by me that is not many a random day.

Yours sincerely

Edwin [illegible]

November 3rd, 1919.

Arthur C. Wyman, Esq.,
c/o Thomas Cook & Son,
Ludgate Circus,
London, England.

My dear Wyman:-

Your letter from Liverpool and several post cards from Stratford and Warwick at hand. I suppose you are now thoroughly at home in England, and getting a taste of English weather. You might tell them in the B. M. that I am hoping to get over in the spring, and size up the situation sufficiently to see if it would be possible for me to work in the B.M. quite extensively without causing them too much bother. I probably would want to look through about all of their Oriental coins. The thought occurred to me also that it might be easier in getting my passport if Mr. Hill would write me a letter suggesting that he would like to have me come over there and work on the Oriental series. You might tactfully take this matter up with him explaining why his letter might be of help. I do not want him to do anything that he might object to doing.

I am glad that you had no worse trip over than you did, and that seasickness did not lay you out completely.

The two Chilian campaign medals I am glad to get. We did not have either of them though we did have two or three of different types for other wars. I was thinking that you had fixed up and made a list of lots of English tokens to be sold at auction and that they were in the lower part of the catchall. I can not find them. Do you remember anything about these, whether you had made up any lots or had sent them off somewhereas to be sold, or did we put them some place else.

If you should see Saltus you might suggest to him that it would be appropriate that the Society should have a statue of St. Eloy. He was the patron saint of armorers and moneyers, and consequently is considered the patron saint of numismatists. Saltus might enjoy hunting around Paris to see if he could locate one of these statues. The Metropolitan Museum has a wooden one very nicely painted.

Schulman is at last over here in this country. I suppose he will stay at least a month. If you plan to go to Holland, put it off to the last if you want to see Maurits Schulman. His brother is over here.

Two packages of books from Liverpool have reached here and the "Queen's Own Regiment". Mr. Roe has a special watchman to stand over these till you get back.

Remember me to your wife, and tell her I hope she is having the time of her life.

I remain,

Very truly,

GRESHAM HOTEL,
DUBLIN.

Nov 8th 1919

My dear Wood:—

Just a line now to acknowledge your letter of Oct 25. Forwarded here from London.

I have been trying to get some of the account directions but while trip are poor and the prices are very high, and tend to come down as it seems wise to wait a

Sir Robertson, however, has had miniatures of all the English and some of the others. These he has had made himself and they are perfect reproductions except for size. I have selected a set of them and hand for them but am going to take them to Iris and then to get photos to represent them, nice to me.

I have got some other things also but

GRESHAM HOTEL,
DUBLIN.

will write more detail when get back to London.

Glad you got your leave longer for your sake wish it had been twice as long.

I am having a lot of books sent to me in care of the Society

these are all more than
20 years old and
therefore I should pay
no duty. We keep
them for me till
I get home.

Yours as ever

Arthur C. Hyman

November 11th, 1919.

Dear Wyman:-

Your letter from London came to hand the other day, and the package containing the coins and the ribbon bars came this morning. You made a good selection. Hardly one of the pieces did we have, and the few we did have are good assets.

I am glad to know you are comfortably fixed near Russell Square. I am glad also to know they gave you such a good reception in the B. M., and I am looking forward to hearing what they had to say and your impressions. I suppose this was too long to write but the suspense is awful. At times I am getting cold feet about going over on account of the expense and the troubled conditions here, also the problem of increased cost of living when I get back. Newell will probably go in the middle of December. If I get over, my intention is to virtually run over all of the B. M.'s Oriental coins, but I do not want to impose upon them as they generally have a man sit down alongside of you and practically watch you. This is a custom. How hard and fixed it is I do not know. My actions as far as going through their Oriental collections would be more or less governed by the amount of bother I would cause them. Whether or not they would grant me any privileges I do not know. You probably will be able to tell by the time you get back.

Another flock of books came for you the other day, and if you are not careful we will have to build a shanty out on the vacant lot to store these treasures. None of them had any duty on them, which is fortunate.

If you go to Cambridge Mr. Noe, the Metapontum King, would like you to see what Metapontum coins they have, and see if you cannot hypnotize them in making casts. Noe and Newell are running a friendly rivalry, and Noe has pretty nearly as many casts as Newell has of Alexanders.

If you go to Paris it might be well for you to look up my old friend, who by the way I have never seen, Mons. A. Sallet, 53 rue Vaneau. You can introduce yourself as my right bower.

Remember me to the Lady, and tell her not to get lost in any of the London fogs.

Very truly,

Dec 6th

My dear Wood:—

To-day I sent off two packages containing some lots or rather one lot which I bought as a whole from Simeon. There were several pieces in the lot that I felt we could use and the rest we could get rid of. Please keep them to-gether until I get back. I think I told you we are crowded to sail

home Have on the 27th
in a storm!")

Today I had another
letter with her. Well and
I send me would write
on a letter a long time
ago now unexpected.
Just now we are
not doing much but
loaf about. For the
last week we have
been having wretched
weather and it is
pleasanter to stay
under cover.

I am afraid we may not
get to Cambridge but we
are coming up to Oxford
next week.

Yours as ever

Arthur C. Benson

December 9, 1919

Mr. Arthur C. Veyman
Care Thomas Cook & Son
Ludgate Circus
London, England

My dear Veyman:

I have not written to you for a long while as there has been nothing especial come up. Very little to report. I have just received your letter of November 6th from Dublin. Also yesterday there came a big pile of books from Dublin.

I trust you will be able to get to Furnes to see Saltus, and that you will put him on the right track about getting decorations.

Just at the present moment, I have about given up the idea of going to Europe next year. There are certain difficulties about getting away, and also I do not think I am quite ready to go.

Schulman has been here for some time, and leaves tomorrow. He has had a very successful trip.

Newell is now planning to get off for the other side on the 30th of December.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

Dec 19, 1919

Paris, France

My dear Wood:-

In eight more days I am due to sail home so this won't reach you much before I see you myself. We were fearfully delayed in London by not being in regard to passports etc and did not get away for France until two weeks later than I had planned. In the mean-

time Mr. Cullins had gone to Nice. It was originally my intention to run down for at least a day to see him, but the day after we reached here they received word from New York that her mother had died suddenly. In spite of her somewhat difficult family relations the news was a good deal of a shock and she wants to keep pretty quiet so I am

afraid we will not get down to the south of France after all.

Yesterday I called and presented Howard's letter to Mr. Barton and had a pleasant reception and learned some interesting details. This morning by appointment I called on Colonel Minnich. He was most cordial and charming and especially requested that

I ask Mr. Howell to call on him. I suppose Howell will have left by the time this reaches you but I wish you would transfer the message on to him when you write.

With best wishes for a merry Christmas to you all

Yours sincerely

Arthur J. Balfour

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there six of the canes like the one I carry? You remember that I showed it to you and asked you to impress its general appearance on your memory? Have them done up in a very secure manner; if possible, with a board or something to prevent their getting broken, and let them send them to me. Have the bill enclosed in the package so that I will not be at the mercy of an appraiser in the Customs Office when I try to get them in.

I am enclosing in this letter, photographs of the four Mexican Revolutionary pieces sent on for me to look at from Mr. Brown in Chicago. I think I wrote you that he is going to try to get specimens of these for our Collection. They must be pretty scarce or you would have already run across them and included them in your monograph.

Now for the really important part of this letter. A few days ago, I received a letter addressed to you from a man who signed himself William S. Powell, asking if the Numismatic Societywould be interested in securing a collection of Napoleonic medals and coins. I could not quite make out from his letter whether he intended this as a gift or not, but as he suggested my calling upon him to talk the matter over, I made an appointment last Friday and went down to see him. I discovered that he wasa tailor on Fifth Avenue and had really a marvellous collection. He estimates it as containing about 1500 pieces but I think his number is quite low, and I should not be surprised if there were nearly twice as many as that. He did intend it as a gift and arranged for it to be ready for us immediately. Yesterday, Mr. Newell and I went down in Mr. Newell's car and today the whole thing reposes up here.

Mr. Powell has been collecting for over twenty-five years and, apparently, has been quietly grabbing everything worth while that has been brought to his attention either in the country or in Europe. The collection covers everything which is even remotely related to the French Revolution, Napoleon or the Bonaparte family, and includes a very high proportion of scarce and rare pieces. I should roughly estimate it as worth, at least, Five Thousand Dollars, and perhaps considerably more, but of course I have had no chance to go over it in detail as yet.

The Collection was given to us practically without reservation of any sort. The only thing in the nature of a condition is that he would like to have it kept together until the end of next year, that is, until after the Centennial of Napoleon's

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death, so that if convenient to us we might make a special exhibition of it during that year. Mr. Newell approves of this idea, and we told Mr. Powell that we should probably be able to carry out this wish of his - but even this he does not insist upon. He wants us todispose of any duplicates which may result in our Collection and he agrees to continue to add to the Collection as opportunity offers in the future. Apparently, the only reason for his giving it is his real interest in the Collection and his desire to keep it together as a collection and make it available for others who may be interested.

It really is a magnificent gift and we are all very much elated about it. Mr. Powell says that it is undoubtedly the finest collection of the sort in this country and, probably, one of the finest in the world.

Together with the coins and medals themselves, he has given us quite a lot of manuscript notes covering points that he has discovered during the years he has been getting it together. For the present, I have placed it all in the wooden cabinet at the end of your desk, removing the counterfeits which Mrs. Brett had placed there to one of the cabinets outside. It completely fills that cabinet, even though the pieces are laid one or two deep in each tray. Every piece is in an envelope and numbered according to Bramson's book on Napoleonic medals, except those pieces which are not included in Bramson's.

Bramson

By the way, we have not a copy of Bramson in the library and must secure one as Mr. Powell is keeping his copy to use in connection with his further purchases.

I took up your suggestion in regard to the editorship of the monographs with Mr. Newell and Mr. Reilly. Newell seemed to approve it quite without reservation, but Reilly was a bit non-committal and did not seem to think that there would be enough work of the sort to justify any special action. Perhaps he would like to do it himself.

Sorry you are having trouble with your eyes. Do be careful not to use them too much although the temptation must be very great.

I think I wrote you that Mrs. Brett was writing something on the gold medallions of Constantine for the monographs. She promised to have it finished a week or two ago, but it is

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not yet ready. Apparently, she has had a number of new ideas in regard to it which has delayed it. I note what you say about her article on Symbolism and spoke to Mr. Newell. I judge he thinks that it would be all right to 'can' it, if possible.

I suppose Mrs. Wood reached England safely although I missed any notice of the arrival of the NEW YORK in Southampton. We are having very beautiful weather and I presume her trip was a peaceful one.

Last Wednesday morning, I was called to the telephone and heard a small voice say "Mr.Wyman, ice-cream, four o'clock, this afternoon." There were ~~many~~ no other remarks made and I assumed the voice to be Sylvia Howland Wood's and presented myself at the apartment at the hour requested. Then she went more into detail and explained that she was four years old; also, that she was almost four at Easter, and offered to allow me to have two helpings of ice-cream. I had a very nice time with her and enjoyed myself very much. The next day she came down to the Museum bringing pieces of birthday cake for Mr. Reilly and Mr. Noe. I saw her again yesterday when I went up to see Mrs. Blackley, Mrs. Blackley having telephoned Saturday that she would not be in.

Very sincerely yours,

Arthur C. Wyman

W/F

P.S. Enclose photographs of the Mexican coins described Mr. Brown

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NEW YORK

June 18th, 1920

Howland Wood, Esq.
8 Bedford Place
London, W.C.1

Dear Howland:

The Metropolitan Museum received a letter from Mattingley requesting casts of the more remarkable features in the Durkee Collection of gold Imperial coins. Immediately, thereafter, wild calls for assistance from the Metroploitan Museum in our direction! In all this I see a touch of your hand.

The present arrangement is that a selection of the Durkee coins made by Mr. Newell and myself will be sent here, at least temporarily, for us to make the casts. We could not, however, at present secure anything more than a temporary loan, though Mr. Newell and I had a talk with Miss Richter in which she indicated that she would be favorable to letting us have the whole collection. Of course, she was very careful not to commit herself and I got this impression from her manner rather than from any definite statement. Mr. Newell, also, says he believes she feels this way. She is sailing tomorrow for Europe and will be gone all summer. I think it would help the thing along if the British Museum, or anybody else with whom you are in touch, would make further requests for information in regard to their collection of Roman gold. The more technical the enquiries are, the better. I would like to create a situation which would make them dependent upon us for assistance, and so bothered without it that they would be glad to be rid of the whole collection.

If there could come while Miss Richter is away, so much the better.

I shall write you again in a few days, but wanted to get the information in regard to this matter to you immediately.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur S. Wyman

W/E

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NEW YORK

July 2nd, 1920

Howland Wood, Esq.
8 Bedford Place
Russell Square
London, W.C.1

My dear Howland:

If I remember correctly, you rather wished to keep the two safes in my office but I have just received an offer of Sixty Dollars ($60) a piece for them - this, to include all the expense of removing. I understand that I could get a similar offer for the two safes which now have the dies at the head of the stairs. Would you have any very serious objection to selling the two in my room? There is this advantage to be gained thereby - if they are disposed of, it makes the room large enough to put two typewriter desks in there and have two people working there without getting in each other's way, and then if I am to continue to be on the ground floor I could move into the room which Miss Reilly now has.

Reilly and Newell are inclined to approve the plan, but as you had expressed a contrary opinion, I thought it best to get your ideas before doing anything. Of course, if they or the Council should make a final decision in the matter, I should be guided by that. Personally, I think it would be good to sell the safes, and I have made sufficient enquiry to be sure that the price offered is an unusually good one.

Very truly yours,

Arthur C. Wagman

Assistant to Curator

W/E

Yes Howland returned

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AND 156TH STREETS
NEW YORK

August 3rd, 1920

Howland Wood, Esq.
8 Bedford Place
London, W.C.1

Dear Howland:

Glad to hear that you are back in London again after your experience on the Continent.

As I wrote you, I have had some dental work done and have not been at the Museum for ten days until yesterday.

The matter which is principally occupying my mind just now is the question of getting started again on our printing. The last day I was up here, Mr. Reilly was in town and he arranged to write to Mr. Huntington requesting detailed specifications of his wishes in regard to the monographs, so that we might avoid such an error as developed in the Mexican article. Reilly was going back to Long Island that evening and said he would write from there. This was two weeks ago, and I have heard nothing from him since. I took the whole matter up with Newell yesterday and he is going to find out whether Reilly has attended to it , and if not will do so himself. Meanwhile, everything is waiting, although I am trying to be ready for a rush by having material available for immediate use.

In your last letter you asked me not to pay Dorothy except to the date on which she stopped work. You probably wrote before receiving my letter in which I said I had given her in advance pay for the month of August. I did this after consultation with Marvin by telephone, and because he and I both felt that the situation which had developed was by no means entirely her fault; although there is no question that when it did develop, she misbehaved. I was, also, influenced somewhat by the realization that it threw her suddenly on her own resources and at a time when she had been spending some of her money for the dentist, and so would have been left very nearly stranded. I was afraid that she might talk if she were not soothed a bit and an uncomfortable situation develop.

While writing the above, your letter of July 21st has just arrived. I was glad to get it because it indicates that your ideas

are in the main in accordance with what I have done. I have explained to Dorothy that her final situation remains entirely for you to settle upon your return; that I do not guarantee that she is to have her position back, and that while I sympathize with her leaving a position which had become one which was not desirable for any of the people involved - and particularly unfortunate for Sylvia - I felt that Mrs. Blackley had been left in charge, and if Dorothy could not accommodate herself to that, she must await your return. As I told you before, the satisfactory part of it all is that it does not seem to have affected Sylvia and she flourishes as usual.

Do you remember that I asked you to pick up one of the German cast-iron medals for those people here in New York who are trying some experiments in medal casting? I have a letter from them today about it, and if you have not got one, will you try to do so?

In regard to Baldwin, I am sorry that he will not deal directly with you. I wrote him, as I told you, but supposed that Raymond was also going to write. Raymond has now gone on his vacation for the month of August, but told me just before he went that he had written to Baldwin saying that if you and Baldwin could not agree on a cash price, he would be willing to accept coins in exchange - and I think suggesting what sort of things he wanted. I will write Raymond and ask him to drop Baldwin a line stating that your authority is complete in the matter. As I told you in my letter some time ago, the price Raymond suggested - that is, $1400, is practically twice what the pieces actually cost. As a matter of fact, neither Raymond or I had the slightest idea what they were worth, except that we felt that the prices brought by similar pieces indicated that they were worth more than $700. Our own feeling is that it was more or less of a gambol, and we should be quite satisfied - or, at least, content - if we got our money back.

I am enclosing a cheque for Five Pounds. My English account has shrunk a little lately and I want to send another draft over before I draw any more. This does not quite pay for my Royal Numismatic dues and the canes, but perhaps you can advance the rest and I will send you another cheque in a day or two - that is, as soon as I get a chance to get another draft. As near as I could figure, it will leave a balance of One Pound, Six shillings which I owe you.

I have been getting together all the dope on Mexican Revolutionary coins that you have not included in your article. In addition to the ones, photographs of which I have already sent you, I

have now got two others - these being gifts to the Museum which I inveigled out of people of New Orleans; another one, which Brown has sent on for photographing; and four pieces which arrived this morning from Zerbe. Two of these latter are included either in those just mentioned or in your original article, but are much better specimens and so I am having them photographed also. I am, also, on the track of two or three more. In fact, so much has turned up that I am not so much disturbed about the delay in regard to the Mexican article as I was.

I have, also, gotten hold of a Mexican attached to the Mexican Consulate here in New York who, I believe, will be able to give us some of the historical data which might add considerably to the interest of the article. At any rate, whatever happens in regard to the other monographs, I shall hold the Mexican one until you return.

I hope you enjoyed your trip to Scotland, and that you and Mrs. Wood are both well.

Very sincerely yours,

Arthur C. Hyman

W/E
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NEW YORK

August 21st, 1920

Howland Wood, Esq.
S.S. NEW YORK
Southampton

My dear Howland:

This letter is a gamble - I am betting that you will receive it before you leave, but the odds are heavy against me.

I have just received yours from Edinburgh and want to refer to one or two things which you mention - particularly, in regard to the Journal.

We got that matter all straightened out, and Marvin has supplied us with sufficient copies to furnish each of our members and subscribers and a surplus for ourselves. As I wrote you, the error seems to have been in his office, and somewhere the order got changed from 650 to 550. Fortunately, all the office composition - that is, the tables in Miller's article had not been distributed; and while he had to reset a part of it, it did not prove very much of a job.

In regard to the type of the monographs, nobody seems to know just where the slip-up came. Marvin has no record that you said anything to him about 9-point, nor has he any recollection of why he used 10-point. I do not think that Mr. Huntington was very much disturbed at this mistake as he felt that the matter had been gotten underway somewhat under pressure, and without detailed instructions as to his requirements. He was disturbed because there was so much delay on the part of the Publication Committee in beginning action after he had pointed out the necessity for change. I, myself, was not to blame for this at all, and Mr. Huntington apparently realized this and I think did know just where the fault lay. However, it is all straightened out now, and the very favorable impression that Marvin made on Huntington as simplified our situation considerably. He feels that we have a really competent printer and, therefore, is more willing to let us work out our own salvation, realizing that we cannot go very far astray when the printer, himself, is interested in the successful accomplishment of the task set before him.

Very truly yours,

Arthur C. Wyncoop
VR.

a/c

Mr. Wyncoop having left the office, has not read the above.
VR.

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THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
BROADWAY, BETWEEN 155TH
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NEW YORK

January 26th, 1921.

Mr. Howland Wood,
1057 Beacon Street,
Brookline 47, Mass.

My dear Howland:-

I am planning to leave here Saturday afternoon or evening for Newtonville. There are a number of things which I should like to take up with you on Monday, and suggest that you meet me at Marvin's office sometime Monday morning at your convenience. You can drop me a line c/o Mrs. John C. Wyman, 25 Highland Avenue, Newtonville. I will either find it there when I get there, or get it on Monday morning. I think this is a bit surer than trying to reach me here.

Very truly yours,

Arthur L. Wyman

May 19th, 1921

Arthur C. Wyman, Esq.
C/o American Express Co.
11 Rue Scribe, Paris

Dear Arthur:

Things have been going along placidly, neatly and serenely since your departure. In other words, there has been no undue excitement except for the advent of a very competent Merry Widow who is causing envy and jealousy throughout the building! So much so, that the balance of my 'harem' have removed their hats and coats into another closet! (Mr. Wood does nothing but sing this all day -

so do you wonder that we feel crushed?????!!! V.E.)

I am enclosing a letter which may interest you, also bill for photograph for your passport received from Irving Studio.

I certainly hope that you had a good trip across and arrived in Paris without any trouble. Doubtless you are now going through the agonies of settling down in a domicile of your own. I suppose you will go to the Artists' Ball on Montmartre which is always scheduled for about this time. Don't spend all your money on TAXIS!

Remember me to Mr. Kalkus when you see him; I will write again when there is anything of interest to relate.

Yours,

Encs.

Sunday, May 30th, 1921

My dear Howland:-

We arrived safely a week ago today. My friend Arthur Moss met us at the train escorted us to the hotel where we found our room waiting for us. Hotel prices have gone up a little since we were here in francs but are actually less in dollars than we paid before.

Monday I called at the Hotel Continental and was received like a long lost brother by Mr. Saltus. The next day at his request May and I both went to see him and he performed his customary act with a taxi and took us to many interesting and little known places. Later we had dinner with him and then more taxi riding. He was very anxious to hear the news of the society and is very much pleased at the Napoleonic exhibition. He told me to tell you that if the Society would strike a medal commemorating the death of Napoleon he would contribute $150.00 toward the expense and suggested that others be asked to contribute also. Of course I think he would also subscribe largely for medals.

Except for our trip with him we have done very little sight seeing as we have been busy trying to locate an apartment, by no means an easy job as Paris is crowded. At last, however, I think we have found one that will do for the summer. It is very primitive from our American point of view but from the same point of few it is very cheap. We will know definitely about it to-morrow. I think that there is now no question about our getting it as I have heavily bribed the concierge and seemed to have bought her body and soul.

Day before yesterday I was on the rue de Rivoli and noticed a sightseeing bus standing at the curb. Just as it started I saw Mr. Beaver in it and had barely time to shake hands with him and learn his hotel. Yesterday I call-there but he had gone out. Shall try again.

I have picked up one or two minor things for the Society of a total value of about seven cents but shall not send them until I have some more.

Please give my regards to every body at the museum and take good care of yourself.

Sincerly,

Arthur C. Newman

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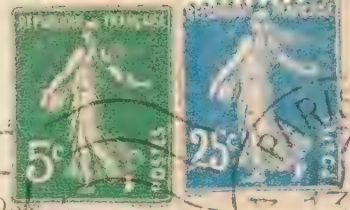

June 4th

Dear Houtland:

Send me a list if not too much trouble, of the encased French postage stamps which you have. I have picked up a number in change and will trade on any you do not already have. R.E.H.

address. 7 rue Campagne Première
Paris XIV. France

Mr. Howland Hoard
Am. Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th St
New York City
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L. L. DAVID. — *Serment fait à l'Empereur après la distribution des Aigles. 1804*
Oath taken to the Emperor after the distribution of Imperial Eagles. 1804

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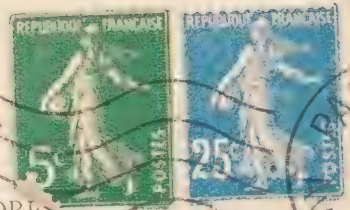

CORRESPONDANCE

June 4th

Thanks for having I'll remembered it about two days out from New York. Have seen Mr. Walters again a couple of times and spent an evening with Mr. Glover. Approve now will be along soon. Letter soon. Yours &c. W.

ADRESSE

Rowland Woodley.
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th St
New York City
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PHILIPPOTEAUX

Bataille de Rivoli. — Battle of Rivoli. 14th January 1797

June 30th, 1921.

Mr. Arthur C. Wyman,
7 rue Campagne Premiere,
Paris, XIV, France.

Dear Arthur:-

Your two post cards and letter at hand, and I am glad to know that you are settled down and have begun to enjoy Parisian life. Your flat I should judge is more novel than comfortable, nevertheless it is Paris and you would not have the local color if you lived as you did in New York.

I am enclosing the list of the cancelled stamps that we have.

It was rather interesting your meeting with Mr. Beaver. I hope you had a good time with him, and trust he was feeling better than he did last winter. I think that you can have quite a lot of fun with Mr. Saltus because he dearly loves company, and nothing pleases him better than to have some one whom he can take around to various odd and weird places.

Mr. Harrington wrote us the other day, and I gave him your address as 11 rue Scribe, therefore you had better drop around there once in awhile.

I have just received Spink's Circular for you. Shall I forward it to you?

Things have been going along smoothly here. Mr. Whitehead has been here nearly a month now and leaves for home on July 9th. He has been living with us at the house, as the family are down at the Beach. You can rather imagine we have been having a good time. I can not think of any very important things that have come up here this summer but you may well imagine that I have been keeping fairly busy.

Many thanks for your few kind words on the Mexican Monograph.

Glad you have seen Ben and that he is in fine fettle.

I received the other day from the French Mint a fifty centime piece in the same metal as the other two pieces. I have all of the nickel coins for 1920 including the two sizes of the five centime piece. I have as yet none of the 1921 pieces.

Dolly is planning to be away all summer in California.

I would not be surprised to hear that you are running a ball in Paris. If so, let me know and I will try to get over to it as what you write rather interests me although I know more or less about this from times passed. Any other descriptions of local color that you care to elucidate on are more than welcome.

As I have a number of letters to get off, will have to get this through. With kind regards to every one, I remain,

Very truly,

July 19th, 1921.

My dear Wyman:-

Things have been progressing here in a quiet, uneventful manner for some time, and there is really nothing much to write about.

In going through one of the balcony cases the other day I stumbled across a tray of from 40 to 50 California coins which strike me as belonging to you. What do you want done with these? Most of them are laid out in little white boxes but one or two are in envelopes. The most of them look like a lot from either Baldwin or Spink. Let me know how is how and who is who.

Very truly,

Arthur C. Wyman, Esq.,
7 rue Campagne Premiere,
Paris, XIV, France.

24 Avenue de Maine
Paris (xv), France

July 27th, 1921

My dear Howland:-

One of the people I have met here is a M. Simon de Vaulchier, business manager of a large printing and publishing house. He is a collector of Greek coins in a small way and a very nice chap. I showed him a copy of Newell's Histiaea and asked him to give me a price on reproducing it in France, we, of course to furnish the gelatin process plates and the half-tone cut. I have this morning received from him an estimate of the cost of printing, binding, paper and so forth, but not including electrotyping which amounts to exactly 3600. frs. for an edition of 600 or 6 frs per copy. The cost of sending an edition to New York would be about 50 frs. I am not yet sure what the duty would be but can find out. Even including electrotyping and duty I should think this would be considerably cheaper than anything we could get at home as long as exchange is anywhere near what it is now. If the duty was too high, I believe the monagraphs could be mailed direct from here to the members. At any rate the figures seemed worth sending on to you.

You will notice that my adress is changed. By great good luck we have found a beautiful little four room apartment with electric

lights and everything at about the same price that we were paying for a very primitive two room place. We also found a poor victim who was willing to take the other place off our hands and so we moved on the first of the month.

You remember I told you that I had left some things with Tom Elder for his next sale. He was to send the check for these to you. Have you heard anything from him about it?

I wonder if you will not send me the name and address of the man here in Paris who used to send things to you. I think the name was Salles or something like it. I should like to look him up.

Have you got the French Victory medal yet?

May wants me now so the rest will have to wait for another letter.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur J. Parman

July 27th, 1921

Arthur C. Wyman, Esq.
7 Rue Campagne Primiere
Paris XIV, France

Dear Wyman:

Elder has just sent me a cheque for $15.32 for coins he sold for you. I am enclosing a statement herewith. I think you told me to deposit this cheque and you would remit to me Ten Dollars which you owe to C.F. Amud. As the cheque was made out to me, I am depositing $15.32 at the Corn Exchange bank, so you do not have to bother about Rand's money.

I heard from Mr. Saltus the other day and he seems to be in fine shape.

Very truly yours,

Enc.

August 3rd, 1921

Dear Wyman:

The package with the casts from Joe which you sent over have just arrived. Many thanks for looking after this. I think Joe said something about your seeing to a couple of Art medals made at the Paris mint. Have you done anything about this?

I went up to the bank the other day to deposit your $15.52, and they told me that you had closed out your account, so I have placed this money in the safe. Shall I send this to you, or shall I credit $15.00 for your 1921 dues?

I suppose you have been very busy of late as I have not heard much of anything from you. I trust you are enjoying yourself.

You will be sorry to hear that Dr.Kunz' daughter is to be buried today. Last Monday, she was driving with three others, the horse shied and they were thrown out, she and Dr.Kunz' secretary being killed. We all deeply sympathise with Dr. Kunz as it is a terrible loss.

Please remember me to all,

Very truly yours,

August 9th, 1921

Mr. Arthur C. Wyman
24 Avenue de Maine
Paris, XV, France

Dear Arthur:

Your letter of July 17th at hand; and although I have not gone over the figures carefully, I do not think that there would be any great saving regarding printing the monograph in France, because with the cuts notes, etc. It would make the French work pretty high even with the present exchange. I am getting some done now which I know will be about half the price of our previous work. I will try to figure our your price against our new printers when the bills come in. Powers Co. has Mr. Newell's coming monograph in hand.

I have noted your change of address and congratulate you on making the move.

The name of my friend is André Dallos, 23 rue Vaneau, and I think you would enjoy meeting him; I am enclosing a card of introduction.

We have received the non-official Victory medal. As I understand it, the soldiers were waiting so long for their Victory Medal that private firms made one to tide over. I would like to get the official medal when it is issued as well as their other medal for the War - probably M. Dallos will send me one.

I have just received from the English Government the Victory Medal, the Overseas Medal, the Merchant Marine, The Mons Star and the 1918 Star. The Victory Medal looks like those that are sold on the streets here by hawkers during a celebration. It is extremely brassy looking.

Our last 2 by 4's sent to Fernand Mazerolle, 19 Rue Spontini have been returned. He is the Curator of Coins at the Mint; a person you should meet. If you get a chance to find out if he is alive or dead, or has simply moved, let me know as I would like to know if he has 'gone West' or East.

Letters from Moe come once in a while from Italy, showing that he and Dr. Van Dyke are hobnobbing with all the celebrated out-of-the way pictures in the land of Caruso.

Miss Earle wishes to be remembered to you.

Very truly yours,

24 Avenue du Maine
Paris (XV), France

August 30th, 1921.

My dear Howland:-

I have been meaning to write you for several days but have been busy consulting denteists etc. Two bad abcesses have developed on the roots of my few remaining teeth and I must have some more work done. I will make a good job of it this time and have all the upper teeth taken out. I have known that this would have to be done sometime and on the whole it is a relief to get it over and completed instead of having it always ahead of me.

In regard to printing the monagraphs here, the price I sent you is better than I thought for it does include the illustrations; that is two heliotype plates and one 400 screen half tone. It is the price that this French firm will exactly reproduce Newell's Histiaea in an edition of 600 but does not include electrotyping, which would be about 150 francs more. It could be a little reduced by using another paper as it included the cost of having the paper made to order as there is no paper exactly like that we used in the French market. Another element is that the copies for America could be mailed direct from here at practically the same cost a sending them from New York if the franc remains at less than 6½ cents. The French copies would of course be mailed for even less. The printer admits however that the French Heliyypes would not be as good as ours.

Noe told me that you had some french mss. in mind. If this is so T think the proposition is certainly worth consideration. The man I have talked with about the matter and whom Noe met is a M. Simon de Vaulchier. He is going to America in the Fall and I will have go to see you.

Mr. Saltus is sailing on the 3rd of September (Aquitania) and should be in America about with this letter. Be sure to tell him that you have heard of the statue of Joan which he gave to the city of Blois. Although Saltus gave the statue entirely (it cost him about $30,00) Kuntz seems to have secured most of the publicity and Mr. Saltus feels very much hurt. Noe will tell you the other things about him.

Regards to all,

Arthur C. Hopman

September 7th, 1921

Dear Wyman:

Noe reached home quite unexpectedly last Thursday, and since then we have been keeping him busy.

Things have been going along without much excitement and we are all glad to get Noe back again, especially as Mr. Saltus has just cabled over to have a medal struck for Marshall Foch.

I am enclosing a registered package which has just come for you. I took the liberty of opening it as I thought possibly it might be something for the Society. I am, also, enclosing a few book-plates in case you are still interested in them. These we found down in the cellar.

Noe handed me some tokens from you; I beg to thank you for these.

Have you done anything as yet concerning two or three medals from the French mint which Noe asked you to look up?

Very truly yours,

Arthur C. Wyman, Esq.
24 Avenue de Maine
Paris, XV, France

24 Avenue du Maine
Paris(XV), France

My dear Howland:-

Your last letter and the registered package received. I saw Mr. Saltus just a few days before he sailed but he said nothing to me about the medal for Foch. It must have been a nice thing for Noe to be greeted with the job of publishing it as soon as he got home for of course the time is limited. Do you want any publicity for it in the English papers here. I am quite sure I could get some for you. I would suggest someting like this.

> " The American Numismatic Society of New York is publishing a medal to commemorate the American visit of Marshal Foch. The design for the medal is by..... and has been presented to the Society by Mr. J. Sandford Saltus of New York and Paris."

Of course this would be amplified as to detail and discription of the medal. I have tried to work Mr. Saltus' name in, because he was so badly hurt at the way he was neglected in regard to the statue at Blois. I could get this in the three American papers that are issued here, The Herald, The Tribune and the the new one, The Evening Telegram and probably also into the Paris edition of the London Daily Mail.

The blow I have dreaded but hoped to postpone for a year or two has fallen. All my six remaining upper teeth suddenly became badly abcessed and had to be extracted and I am now getting acquainted with an entirely new set of teeth. Fortunately I got in touch with the best of the American dentists here and he has not only done an excellent job but has been willing to let me keep a little of my own money. As a matter of fact it cost but little more than it would if done by a dentist of equal standing at home. But to add to my troubles I came done with a very severe attack of grippe and bronchitis and am only just getting back my strength.

Amongtthe books I left with Rush is the first English edition of Napier's History of the War in the Peninsula. This was published in London about 1830-40. It is bound ina grayish card board and is, I think in four or five volumes. Will you have him send this to me. It better come either insured or registered. If insured let it be the Post Office insurance so as to get the drop on this rotten French postal service. Let me know the cost.

Regards to all.

Very truly yours,

Arthur L. Hyman

(Over)

have you any French silver of 1920. I have just gotten an inconsiderable lot of that year. The new aluminum francs are now being issued. Tell us the coins 2 francs coins are beginning to appear in circulation. The report upon the bill for the French for the Committee on Foreign Money. Little cold turkey "fever."

October 11th, 1921

Dear Arthur:

Your last letter just at hand. I think your idea of publicity for the Foch medal very good. The piece is being designed by Robert Aitken, and has a most excellent portrait of Foch on one side and Victory welcoming him on the other. This Victory is modelled after Fraser's Victory on our Victory Medal, but is standing, similar to the figure on our present 50¢ piece. On each side of her are shields of France and the United States, and she carries a shield on her left arm bearing the device of the Victory Lapel button.

A gold medal will be presented to Foch; and silver and bronze medals will be sold to our members and other favoured lists.

When you put in Saltus' name, spell it Sanford not Dandford. Saltus has been up here a number of times since he got back, and we had an informal meeting here the other night. He has bought the entire collection of Norman Decorations which Katts left up here. Now my troubles begin! Not only do I have to classify them exactly but have to prepare the duplicates for sale. Do you know at all what Katts originally marked for these? And how much he came down from his original price? I got them cheap.

I will see that Mann sends off to you these books that you want, with instructions how to send them.

What do you want me to do with those German coins of yours I found here? I have all of the 1920 silver but none of the 1921 silver.

We had a long talk with Mr. Huntington the other day concerning printing a book Howell has in mind, and I gathered that the idea of printing it in France was thrown down - in fact, to print any book in French at the present time, therefore, I much doubt if we will do anything about your proposition for some time to come.

How are you getting along with your monograph on the General Service Medal of 1915? Lt-Commander Collins was asking about it.

I think I will start the little girls into collecting stamps. Could you send me over some packets of postage stamps which would offer the most variety and novelty? You might go up to about 50 francs' worth if need be, and I will send over the money to you later.

I trust that now you have the last complaint off your mind, you will feel fit to eat all sorts of French food.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Arthur G. Lynam
24 Avenue de Maine
Paris, XV, France

Wyman file

October 11th, 1921.

Mr. John Lennon,
435 Fort Washington Avenue,
New York.

Dear Mr. Lennon:-

I have just received a letter from Mr. Wyman asking me to have Mr. Ruch forward to him four or five volumes of the "History of the War in the Peninsula and in the South of France" by Napier. These he said were bound in greenish brown. We have here four volumes of that work belonging to Mr. Wyman but they are bound in red cloth, and we were wondering if there were other books which Mr. Wyman had, including the set by Napier, which he wished brought here. Before Mr. Wyman went abroad he told Mr. Ruch that he had instructed his brother-in-law to bring his books to the Museum to be stored.

Would you kindly let me have word from you as soon as possible so that I may write to Mr. Wyman.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

October 25th, 1921

Dear Arthur:

I am enclosing two bills for which I have no use, and probably you will not thank me for sending them.

I am, also, enclosing an account which recently appeared in the Times about the invasion of Montmartre by Greenwich Village. You will note that your name is mentioned. Returning travellers have reported that the Gargoyle is on sale at the various kiosks and are being quickly snapped up. Also, I have heard from other sources that the Villagers are not in high esteem by the natives - they being much afraid that Paris will soon become hopelessly demoralized. Therefore, look out that some Apache does not stick at a knife where you are concerned.

We wrote on receipt of your letter to your brother for the remaining volumes of the Peninsula War, but he has never deigned to reply to any notices or requests that we have sent him, therefore you had better bestir him yourself. I am having Mack send on the four volumes we have, namely - I, II, III and VI. I trust you will receive these all right.

With kind remembrances to all concerned,

Very truly yours,

Mr. Arthur C. Wyman
24 Avenue de Maine
Paris, XV, France

24 Avenue du Maine
Paris (XV), France

November 2nd, 1921

My dear Howland:-

I am enclosing a clipping from the New York Herald which I hope will please Mr. Saltus. I have a feeling that when you shaow it to him he will like it better if he thinks it appeared spontaneously but I have no objection to having him know that I got it printed if you think that will please him equally. He knows I can get items into the Herald because I got his difficulties in regard to the statue at Blois partly straightened out in the Herald. Unfortunately it was too late to get the whole story told.

I have had a little bad luck in regard to getting the notice about the medal into the Tribune. The man I depended on and who had promised to do it for me was laid up in the hospital when your letter arrived. The consequent delay allowed the story to appear in the Herald before the Tribune got round to it and then its news value was gone. I shall make another try at it however.

I am also enclosing my check for 1921 dues. I had been wondering why I had not received any more 2 x 4's but had forgotten the dues.

In regard to the Roman coins, will you just keep them for a while. I found when I received the lot of coins that you forwarded me and which Seldman had sent me on approval, that there is a heavy luxury tax and duty on ancient silver or gold coins brought into France. I hope now to go to London sometime this winter, and I should rather have them sent to reach me while I am there. I am going to London, (if I do go) to get the additional material I need to complete what I have been trying to write about the 1812 British Medals.

I am also sending you 300 stamps. These are duplicates from my brother-in-law's collection which I brought over with me and are worth, I should think, about frs. 7.50. judging for what the dealers here seem to charge for packages of ordinary stamps. I think there are no duplicates among them. I am also sending you some German paper money and another encased stamp which I think is different from any you have. These you may consider a gift from me to the Museum.

I have not yet heard anything of the books from Rush.

Give my regards to all. I shall write again shortly in regard to some other things.

Very truly yours,

Victor D. Hyman

November 25th, 1921

Dear Arthur:

Your letter of November 2nd at hand, and I have delayed answering it until I could get the 7½ francs I owe you for the stamps. Many thanks for these.

I sent Mr. Saltus the clipping in the New York Herald but have not heard from him, or else he has forgotten to comment on it. If it gets into any of the other papers, let me know.

We presented the gold medal to Marshal Foch on November 19th at our building. It was quite a gala occasion, and the high spot of the occasion, besides receiving the medal, was his kissing my two small daughters.

I will hold the Roman coins until you tell me to send them to you. Also, I found in one of the cabinets a number of British Museum casts of this same series. I am glad that you still have in mind the 1812 British medals. Joe is now editing the NNL, and I am trying to sit back and live a life of ease, but with no success to date.

Enclosed you will find some billet doux, 7½ francs in French money, and a portrait of your friend Clare, showing that she has accomplished one of the several things for which she came to this country. In her American notes she hardly mentions the Numismatic Society, and not one word about us for which we are devoutly thankful. We thought, however, that she would at least mention you but evidently it is a case of out of sight out of mind! In the solitude of your armchair, now and then take down a volume of Kipling and read his poem The Vampire.

We sent on to you some time ago the four books for which you asked. As yet, your brother-in-law has not given us one word as to whether he is alive or not!

With kind regards to the Wyman, Lennon and Company - the 'Company' being any stray waif you may have adopted. (The blond North girl is joyously taking part, I see, in the G.V.F. again this year. V.E.)

Very truly yours,

Arthur Wyman, Esq.
24 Avenue de Maine
Paris (XV) France

96 Avenue de Saint
Paris (XV), France

December 2nd, 1921

My dear Howland:-

Since my last letter to you I have had some more bad luck. Although I thought I had escaped it, it finally became necessary for me to have an operation on my upper jaw bone; that is I had to have some of the bone cut away. As matter of fact the operation itself was simple though unpleasant. It was done with a local anaesthetic and I was an interested and conscious participant in the proceedings until just the very last when I spoiled an otherwise perfect record by fainting. It was sometime afterwards before the thing had healed and then, naturally, I had to have a new plate made as the operation had somewhat changed the shape of my mouth and my previous set of teeth developed a most annoying tendency to try to jump out on the floor when I tackled French words or French bread. The real point of all this is that since the first trouble in the summer I have not felt much like meeting new people and especially have not wanted to come in contact with people under circumstances that involved any extended conversation either French or English. As a result many of the things I had hoped to do are as yet undone. My troubles are definitely over now, I am assured, and except that the expense of the whole thing has crippled me seriously financially I am going to get busy.

This brings me to the main point of this letter. In your last to me you mention my attempted monagraph on the British Military General Service Medal. During the time I have been laid up I have worked over the material that I had with me and practically completed it, needing only to check up the list that McClachlan sent me of the Canadian Militia who received the medal and add a list which the British War Office will give me of the regular troops that received either the Fort Detroit, Chrystler's Farm or Chateauguay bar. In doing this I have become unpleasantly aware that these three actions were most disgraceful from the American point of view. Either the troops or the commanders and sometimes both, behaved badly, and a truthful account would not make very pleasant reading for Americans. This opinion is based not only upon the English accounts but upon what Admiral Mahan and Roosevelt and other Americans have written. Now from the beginning I had had in the back of my head, the idea that I might take the whole subject of the War of 1812 and its medallic record. I could then include the American medals in gold given by congress to the successful army and navy commanders and so take the curse off the Military General Service Medal part. The subject as a whole would make too big an article for one monagraph but it divides naturally into three parts:

Medals Awarded by Congress to Successful
Army and Navy Officers

British Army Medals (to include gold medals to General and Field Officers and General Service Medals to other officers and men)

British Navy Medals (to include gold medals to Superior Officers and General Service Medals to other officers and men)

In regard to this latter two, I have gotten hold of some hitherto unpublished information and have brought together, ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ in one place, a lot of data which has never before been put together. I feel very sure that the material itself is worth printing.

In regard to to the former, practically everything is in de Loubat but the bulky and expensive form of that work makes it a little difficult for ordinary use. (point for Mr. Huntington and the 2 x 4's) Then too deLoubat quotes a lot of official documents without giving citations or authority.

Now what I want to know is would the Society publish three monagraphs on the lines suggested. By this I mean would they do so, if the work proved satisfactory when submitted. I don't expect the Society to agree to print anything before seeing the MSS, but there is a lot of work involved and I would rather have an idea of how you feel about it before definitely deciding to go ahead. Particularly I would like your idea in regard to the three as seperate parts of one main subject. My plan was to give all the information attainable about the medals, their design (and designers); how, when and where they were struck; how, when and where they were authorized; short accounts of the actions for which they were awarded; short accounts of the men who received the specific awards and lists of names of the English army and navy men who received the General Service Medals, with enough historical background to make the whole hang together. If I undertake the three I would treat this historical background as a unit which couldn't be done if if all three were not to appear uniformly.

My reason for bothering you with all this just now is that I am going to London about the middle of next month and shall check up a lot of what I have and look for new material there if there is some chance that the Society will consider the result.

M. Jean Babelon has been very good as to help in finding such material as is in the Bibliotheque (not very much) and Mr. Roy, the Canadian High Commissioner in Paris has put me in touch with the proper Canadian authorities to give me what I need from there.

At any rate will you do the following things for me. Find out if Elliot Smith has any of the English medals with bars for service in the war of 1812 (either army or navy) and if so the edge inscriptions of them. I think he told me he had.

Find out ~~the~~ if Mr. Gifford of Boston has any and the edge inscriptions (I know he has one of the army) and also let me have his address.

Let me have Mr. Gillingham's address.

Has the Society a Naval General Service Medal for 1812? If so what is the edge inscription (I have the army one).

Do you know where any of the gold medals awarded by Congress now are? (also which ones have you silver or bronze replicas)

These questions all show that I intend to include, where possible the present location of medals.

There other things I want to write you about but they will have to wait. You might tell Noe that my recollection is that Mr.Gillette came to the Museum one day while we were closed in preparation for the Sheridan exhibition. I was then under the impression that he was a member of the Society and treated him as such. ~~Later I found that he was not and~~ Later I found that he was not and at some time, either personally or by letter suggested that he should join and I now have the impression that he indicated that he would. That is all I remember.

I have recived Monagraphs up to and including #9. I have seen #10 at the Bibliotheque. Has it been sent to me yet? Also the French printer who gave me figures never returned #3 which I gave him with #2 to use in making his estimates. I had an extra copy of #2 but would like to have you send me another #3. As mine is gone in the cause I don't think you should charge me for it but will pay if necessary. My financial worries will be largely relieved at the beginning of next year, now, thank God, not far off.

Tell me something of how the Monagraphs are going. I do not quite like the appearance of #9. The rules are too heavy and seem to be too close to the printed matter. With the rules, very black ink does not seem to look as well either, although I always liked on pages without rules.

Regards to every one.

Very truly yours,

Arthur C. Hayman

December 27th, 1921

My dear Arthur:

Things have been going along very smoothly and we are now preparing for our Annual Meeting.

According to L'ILLUSTRATION of February 5th, 1921, the Paris mint has struck a medal in answer to the German Luxiliard medal. Would it be possible for you to get two of these medals for us and send us the bill? If it is possible, please wrap them over marked to the Society, in separate packages so as to put them on the same steamer.

This is all that I can think of at the present moment.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Arthur C. Wyman

January 3rd, 1922

Dear Arthur:

Noe answered your letter of December 2nd to me the other day, and I am now writing an appendix to it.

Reilly, Noe and I had a long talk concerning the 1812 medals, and although we are anxious for the two British monographs, we did not think the American one was necessary in conjunction with the other two. We think it is necessary from an American standpoint, but it would be pretty hard to work it into our small form. Why not hold off on this, and later if you have gotten together sufficient new material, open the subject up again? I think the new material would be the governing factor about printing it. You see, all these medals are much larger than our small form. Go right ahead on the two English monographs.

I have just written Smith to see what he has in English 1812 medals. I have written Gifford, and his address is - P.O.Box 5274, Boston, 4. You already have Gillingham's address.

I am enclosing a list of the two Naval General Service Medals which the Society has and our U.S. 1812 medals. All are bronze except two which are separately noted. And we, also, have two white metal medals.

Trusting this answers your questions for the time-being,

Very truly yours,

Arthur C. Wyman, Esq.
Enc.

U.S. Ser

Shannon wt Chesapeake bar

Edgr PETER VAN LOO.

Endymion wt President bar

Edgr James Richardson

U.S.
1812 Hull Guerriere

Jacob Jones Frolic or Wasp

Decatur Macedonian silver N Presented by Congress to Lt George C Read for his gallantry & conduct & services in the action with the British Frigate Macedonian

Lawrence Boxer (2 dies

Burrowes Boxer

Perry Lake Erie

Senna to Perry " " " silver (to Jotham Crook) var of above

Kentucky " " " "

Elliott Lake Erie

Cassin Lake Champlain

RH Eagle " "

McDonough " "

Biddle Penguin

Jackson New Orleans

Macomb Plattsburgh

Shelby Thames

Scott Chippewa & Niagara also white metal

Jones Erie

Harrison Thames 2 vars also " "

January 5th, 1922

Dear Wyman:

Gifford has the following General Service Medals -

" Army - Chrystler's Farm, to Lt. Sylvester Richmond, 49th Foot. You will find his history in Dr. Payne's book, p.643. This medal was formerly in Dr. Payne's collection, and is one of the rarest in existence as few medals to officers survive. Ft. Detroit and Chateauguay I have had offered, but for this series I want all officers and will get them by waiting.

" As to the R.N., I have [illegible] to JOHN SARETT. [illegible] to JOHN DAW, Pay. Lt. R.N. (rare to an officer). BOAT SERVICE, Nor.-Sep 1813 to I.BISHOP, Lt. R.N. (Baltic on Havre de Grace and French town). If you have O'Byrnes' Naval Biography, you may find these last therein."

Very truly yours,

Arthur C. Wyman, Esq.

February 18th, 1927

My dear Arthur:

Your post cards from England at hand. I am glad to hear that you are going ahead with the 1812 article.

Newell is either in Athens or Constantinople now.

Things are going along here in the usual way. Nothing startling has happened and there is really nothing about which to write.

Very truly yours,

Arthur C. Wyman, Esq.
24 Avenue du Maine
Paris, XV, France

Encs.

March 21st, 1977

Arthur C. Wyman, Esq.
2 Place de la Madeleine
C/o Thos. Cook et Fils
Paris, France

Dear Mr. Wyman:

Under separate cover, I am sending you two copies of the sale catalogue of Dawson's auction, herewith, a typewritten list of the prices brought at the sale. These were sent us without charge by the Antique Art Association, so you are not indebted to me for anything in that connection. I trust the catalogues will reach you in good condition.

I note that you plan to go through Germany and Belgium, and am wondering if we shall receive your correspondence before or after. I would be willing to risk a little thing that it would be after! Then?

There is no element of particular newsiness here, which must account for the brevity of this letter.

Very truly yours,

Encs.

Villa Grandpair
15 Emserstrasse
Wiesbaden, Germany

April 26th, 1922

My dear Howland:-

As you will see in by the address I am now in the land of the enemy and find him a very friendly and kindly disposed enemy indeed. The very great bitterness that all Germans seem to feel in regard to France and the French has seemed to make them disposed to be friendly and couteous to Americans and English. Then too, the English and American troops in the occuppied districts have made a much better imprssion than the French, who, at least here in Wiesbaden have not an apearance which commands much respect.

May and I had decided to come into Germany because we wished to save money and so be able to take some trips that we otherwise might not be able to afford. The fact that French exchange had been steadily going against us for several months had been quite suprisingly increased the cost of living in Paris. For instance, the rent of our apartment, when we first went into it was 37.00 per month. The last month it was $50. though the price in francs had remained the same. Our first plan was to go to some small town but before we had gone very far in our arrangements May's brother Ralph arrived in Paris. After some indicision we decided to head for Frankfort and there we all landed at midnight three weeks ago. A day or two there convinced us that the kind of accomadations we wanted were not available there although the city itself is fascinating. Meanwhile I had remembered that there was an old friend of my mother's who lived here in Wiesbaden and I came over here and called on her. As soon as she heard that we wished to settle down for two or three months she started out to find a place for us. And she was more than successful. The Villa Grandpair is a real German boarding house. Some years ago a member of the family who had athletic tendencies built himself, in the middle of the big garden and the back of the main house, a one story building for a gymnasium and bedroom. The Gym is about as big as the exhibition at the Museum and the bedroom is about half the size of the coin room. In addition there is a small hal and toilet. May and I have the big room and Ralph the small room. We get our meals at the main house, that is dinner and supper. Breakfast is served in our rooms. The whole thing, including light, heat and service costs us a little less than $15.00 a week for the three of us. Can you beat it?

But while living is cheap, that is food and other essentials, the prices of other things have been going up as the exchange value of the mark has gone down and the

marvelous bargains of a few months ago are no longer available. Still, in dollars I should think that most things were from 25 to 50 % cheaper than in New York except such things as are made from imported raw materials and in which the first cost of the raw material is the largest factor in the selling price.

We shall probably stay here until July and perhaps longer. I am only just beginning to realize how completely used up I was by Dental troubles. When we left Paris I was still twenty pounds under my usual weight and twenty pounds off me is serious. Here I seem to be gaining flesh and certainly am gaining strength.

Will you tell the following to Noe. The material for my monagraph is all in hand. The monograph itself is written but needs a little revision and a clean copy made. The only real work to be done is the arranging the lists of names which really will form the most important part of the work. By great good luck, I was able, in London, to secure access to the only existing copy of the War Office Medal Rolls. The original Rolls are no longer available for copying. In fact I don't think that they ever were intended to be copied. But some old retired general who had a pull at the War Office did make a very complete copy and this was what I worked from. The War Office will refer to the Rolls to answer specific questions so I have been able to check up one or two points in the copy which, owing to the poor handwriting, I was a little uncertain. I am now getting these lists into shape and as soon as that is nearly done will elt Noe'Know.

I will also want to have the Canadian list that MacLachlan gave me checked up. I know now just how to get this done.

One thing I have not been able to do. That is to examine one of the Field officers Gold Medals to see if the signature of the designer apears on it. Will you look at one of the Penninsula medals in the Museum and see if you can discover any signature.

The dinner bell is ringing and I am very hungry so no more at present,

Very truly yours

Address: Villa Grandpair
15 Emserstrasse
Wiesbaden, Germany

May 13th, 1922

Dear Arthur:

Your post card came the other day, but as your address was so indefinite I could not answer it. Now I have your letter and am consequently writing to you. We were very glad to hear from you and trust that you are enjoying your stay in Germany. The part of Germany in which you are is really very delightful, and I suppose you will be making trips through the Black Forest region and some of the old cities along the western part of Germany.

I take it that you did not get those French medals in response to the German medal on the Lusitania. Let me know, and I will try to obtain them some other way.

So Ralph is over with you! I trust that he is not sitting down and living on your income - if that is the case, I think it is rather rough. You certainly have fallen into a very enjoyable situation in Wiesbaden.

My father took a business trip to Germany a few weeks ago. He said, as you already know, that Germany was one hive of industry: virtually, nobody out of work.

I certainly hope that your troubles are behind you - mine are ahead of me! My old stomach trouble has come back two or three times lately, and I am planning to go to the hospital in early June and have them slice a cm fu and rank into me. Part of my vacation this year will consist in watching the flies crawl round the ceiling.

I showed your letter to Moe, and he has cleaned his desk of all dony in anticipation of ryzes. Mr. Gerell got back yesterday and we were all terrifically glad to see him. As I expect him in a few minutes I must close this letter now.

I have just looked up the medals about which you asked - Our gold medal for the Battle of Salamis on the truncation of George III's bust, G F P, on the other side near the lower right hand edge is SIMMONS F. Our gold medal for Vittoria which was given to Captain Francis Scott has no name of the artist on it, nor is there any name on the Navy gold medal for captains.

Very truly yours,

15 Emserstrasse
Wiesbaden, Germany

May 18th, 1922

My dear Howland:-

This morning Notes and Monagraphs #12 and the Proceedings arrived and seeing them reminded me of the fact that all my letters to you recently have been very hurriedly written and, as a result, I have not had the real good chat with you that I have felt that I would enjoy and that might, perhaps interest you. I don't know just why I have always seemed to be in a hurry, with nothing actually pressing to be done, but I really do keep very busy doing nothing. Now, however, I am going to take time to get off a real letter.

Our ten months in Paris were interesting and for the most part enjoyable. Of course from September to January, I was tied up with the dentist, going to him not less than once a week, and for many weeks, every day. During most of this time, I was eating what my father used to call spoon vittals and I lost weight and strength to an extent that began to worry me a bit. Once I got my chewing apparatus into working order, things began to improve and I could again enjoy life. Of course, besides the physical incapacity, it all crippled me somewhat financially and we had to give up many things that would otherwise made the fall and winter more pleasant. One thing we did learn and that was not to spend another winter in Paris. A London winter may be bad but a Paris winter is deadly. True, we had only one or two days of really cold weather but it rained all the time and every thing was cold and clammy. Our four fire places kept our apartment reasonably warm, but to keep the fires going took a great deal of time and energy, besides being an expensive form of heating. We finally decided to give up the apartment and on the first of March took a room in a little hotel on the Boulevard du Montparnasse. Toward the end of the month, May's brother Ralph unexpectedly turned up in Paris. We had already had a visit from the sailor brother, Jack, who left his ship in Bremerhaven and came down to Paris to spend ten days with us. From Paris he went up to Le Havre and after decorating the docks there for a fortnight looking for a job, stowed away on an American tanker bound for Amsterdam. There he got a job as second pantryman in the steerage of a Red Star liner and so reached New York safely and happily. You can't beat that kid.

Before we left Paris (in fact early in the winter) I called on, or rather at the address of your friend Salles (I think I have the name right) only to find that he no longer lived in Paris. I also went to the Mint Museum and met Msserole, who by the way, seemed to think the Society should present his Museum with a copy of the Marshall Foch medal.

During the time I was in England I had a long talk with Mattingly about my theory in regard to the symbols on the Calpurnia denarius or rather denarii. He said that he thought I had stumbled onto something that might furnish a clue to one or two points in regard to the Roman Republican coinage and hoped I would really try to work the thing out. If we can arrange to get a long enough stay in ~~Paris~~ London to give me a chance to work at it under his guidance I may try to do it. In this connection, I am reminded of the Denarii I left at the Museum. As I settled up with Baldwin while I was in London, I feel that they are now mine to dispose of and I should like to present them to the American Numismatic Society. If you consider them too much in the nature of duplicates, do not hesitate to dispose of them to the best advantage, but please keep casts for me of any that you let go. Let the proceeds go into your duplicate coin fund and use it for anything except Oriental coins. I make this limitation because of the suggestion in your last annual report.

I notice your reference to your assistant in the report. It is a long time since you wrote me anything about the coin room and I should like very much to hear how things are going. You promised also, to tell me something of the change in the editor ship of the Monagraphs.

If Mr. Newell is still in Europe and is to be here enough longer for me to get in touch with him, I wish you would send me his adress. I have seen some very interesting things here in Wiesbaden, but first I will tell you how we happened to come here.

May and I had both been anxious to see something of the Rhine and when we gave up our apartment in Paris decided to go into Germany in the Spring, partly to satisfy that desire and partly to take advantage of the low rate of exchange and save some money. We hesitated however, because neither of us knew any German. Then Ralph arrived and as does speak a little of the language we thought we would better take advantage of his being with us and make a start. We picked Frankfort to begin with and landed that at midnight after an all day trip, (14 hours) from Paris. After we got there and found we were only a few mile from Wiesbaden, I remembered a bit of family history. A great uncle of mine, who led a rather shady career on the continent for many years, finally married a rich widow from Boston and settled in Wiesbaden. His wife did and left him a considerable fortune. Later he died and left the money to a German woman (He by the way, left a very handsome and valuable collection of amber to the Boston Art Museum) who had been a companion to his wife. She still lives in Wiesbaden, and while I had never seen her, all the family know her and my mother had had some correspondance with her since the war. So I left May and Ralph in Frankfurt one day and came over here to call on Miss Wissmann. I found her very charming and very anxious that we should come her. More important yet, she found this extremely attractive place where we now are for us and so we all came here.

Besides his amber, Uncle William Buffum seems to have had rather good judgement in engraved gems and also to have gotten hold of some rather fine coins. He also got some very obvious fakes but there are two Syracusan dekadrachms that are beauties, one especially is in practically mint condition. I would not trust my own judgement of their authenticity, but the buyer for the King of Italy offered ~~60000~~ 6000 lira for it before the war and came here to Wiesbaden and spent a week trying to get it, so I guess it must be good. At that time Miss Wissmann did not want to sell it but now I think she might do so. Must of her property was American and is now, of course in the hands of our Alien Enemy Proprty Custodian.

Just before I left Paris, I accidentally ran into Johnson of St. Louis. He had just come from Germany and I was interested to hear what he had to say. He seemed very much disgusted with the present German attitude and said that he found them whining and crying baby and not taking their medecine in a way that impressed him most unfavorably. I have seen something of the same thing, but also I have begun to see another side to it. The German business man is a awfully hard place. While his business may be showing a handsome profit on his books, the seady depreciation of the mark, may mean that he is actually growing poorer and poorer. He is not so much complaining as dispairing. A manufacturer sells his product at price in marks well above its cost only to find that he has not got money enough to replenish his supplies of raw material. As much of the manafactured articles are going out of the country, Germany is slowly be stripped with little or no chance of recovery. In addition the immense armies of occupation (especially the French) are using up the food supply and as Germany can not feed herself even in normal times, there seems to be real danger of a serious food shortage if not actual famine by next winter. Of course the French soldiers are having the time of their lives. I know of one officer is billeted in four rooms of of an eight room apartment. He has his wife and two children with him and his rent, which is fixed by the Military authorities is the equivalent of 15 francs a month, light but not heat included. Others are equally well situated and ~~xxx~~ it is going to be hard to pry them loose from this soft snap. The Germans are paying for this as well as ~~for~~ the indemnity and reparations and they are beginning to squeal. The whole situation is complicated by the fact that the mark has about twice the buying power here in Germany that it has in exchange. I am not enough of a financial expert to quite understand why that should be, but I can see the disastrous effect that it is having. Meanwhile, however, we three are living very well and most comfortably at an actual cost of about $8.00 per week a piece as a result of it.

An interesting feature of the whole situation is the entirely different attitude the Geramns have toward all the other allies and toward the French. To us, especially they are very courteous. They consider that our entry into the war was the straw that broke the camelss back but again and again, I have heard them say that it was inevitable under the circumstances. Also there is a very great readiness to admit that their own conduct was largely responsible for it. I have been very much supprised at the very frank admissions I have once or twice received along these lines.

When Ralph reached us in Paris, I learned for the first time what had happened to my books which he was to turn over to Rush. He just didn't do it. Before he sailed, however, he went down to our old janitor on Twenty-fourth street and arranged with him to have them sent up to the Museum. Presumably nothing of the sort happened. I think I shall write Rush directly about them and offer to pay him if he will get them and take care of them until further instructions.

I am afraid you will think when you open this, that it is the manuscript of a monagraph and I still have many things to say but will spare you this time. Please give my regards to Mrs. Wood and the children, I suppose they are young ladies by now. Also remember me to Miss Reilly, Miss Earle and the ohters and particularlybelieve me whenI say I should like to see you again.

Yours very truly,

Victor J. Hoffman

P. S. We shall be here until August 1st, so you might write direct to this address, but my safest address ordinarily will be care of Cook in Paris.

15 Emserstrasse
Wiesbaden, Germany.

June 1st, 1922

My dear Howland:-

Your letter of May 13th arrived a few days ago. I am distressed and sorry that you must spend any part of your vacation in so unpleasant a manner as you suggest may be necessary. I had always hoped that you would be able to avoid an operation.

I am afraid I must confess that in the confusion of giving up our apartment and then getting away for Germany I forgot all about the French Lusitania medal. If you do not get it any other way I shall be glad to attend to it for you when we return to Paris some time in the fall. By the way, I did go back to Paris for three days last week. Several things had come up which I wished to attend to there and I had been tentavively arranging a trip when I got a letter from Baldwin, who did not know I had left Paris, asking me to go to an auction for him. He has been so nice to me that I decided to go immediately and serve him and myself at the same time. I got the piece that he wanted at a bit under his limit of 4000 francs and had two delightful days that quite paid for the sixteen hour train trip each way.

May and Ralph did not go with me. Speaking of Ralph, you seem to have hit the nail on the head. It looks as if I had an additional member of the family to support for some time to come. In a way I am glad to do this, for Ralph has already shown some literary ability and a European experience at his age is bound to be of great value to him. Still it does mean that many things that May and I might have done will have to left undone or postponed. So long as we stay in Germany, it makes little difference for everything is so cheap here, even with the rising prices, that I am saving money in spite of the added expense.

The monagraph is progressing, but the lists of names which I consider a most important part of the work are an awful nuisance to get into some compact and yet intelligible order. Still I think it will work out all right and before ver long.

Let me hear how you get a long and remember me to Mrs. wood and the children.

Very truly yours,

Arthur C. Wyman

June 3rd, 1972

Dear Arthur:

Your nice long letter was much enjoyed and I wish you had the time to write more like this. However, I have been neglectful myself and, also, have not been feeling over well this past winter. Next week I go to St.Luke's hospital to be cut up - it is the same old stomach trouble, and the endeavour is now to put an end to all of this. As I am turning up my work, I have not as much time to write you a real good letter as I would like; maybe later I can make amends for the present discrepancy.

Johnson told me he saw you in Paris - that is about the only direct news I have had of you. Occasionally I see your name in connection with the Gargoyle. I am very sorry you have had such trouble with your teeth.

The last letter I received from Salles was from his old address - 13 rue Vaneau. I do know, however, that he has been away. The French Mint now has the Foch medal, through the kindness of Mr. Saltus.

Many, many thanks for the Roman denarii of Calpurnium. I will incorporate these in our Collection, and let you say about any that we sell. The A.N. casts of the other Calpurnia's are kept safely here.

Mrs. de Chetteville has been keeping busy in the Coin room - first, cleaning the coins; then, learning what she can. I have just taken in the Napoleonic exhibition, and we are hard at work putting these in boxes. The new exhibition is entirely U.S.coins and medals arranged chiefly for the Convention which will be here at the end of August.

Miss Earle, Miss Reilly, Miss Meagher, Mrs. Tuch, Tuch and William - not to mention Joe, are still here, all working hard with one or two exceptions. (D'you think he is insinuating me in the "exceptions"? I wonder! Y.E.) Newell got back two or three weeks ago, looking and feeling fine. He enjoyed himself very much and got a lot of things.

June 3rd, 19[illegible]

Dwan will write you concerning the boats. He is going to ship down to 14th Street and see what he can salvage. He has been holding here a box of books which Ralph was going to take over with him but didn't.

Sylvia had a birthday yesterday and commented herself with great dignity.

When I get on my feet again, I will try to write you a real chatty letter.

Very truly yours,

Arthur C. Wyman, Esq.
15 [illegible]
Wiesbaden, Germany

June 30th, 1922

Dear Arthur:

I was very glad to get your letter of June 1st. I am just out of hospital and naturally still feel pretty weak but have looked in at the museum for a few minutes. I went to St. Luke's hospital for the operation; after examining me the surgeons decided that the removal of my appendix and gall bladder would put an end to my troubles. After a little over two weeks' in bed, I was hustled home to make room at the hospital for newcomers. It will mean going slow for some little time, and at the end of this week we are going to Northampton for about a month which will give me a chance to recuperate. I shall return here in time for the Convention late in August.

The museum is closed to visitors this summer, and this gave me the opportunity to fix the exhibition ready for the Convention and coming winter. We are exhibiting U.S. currency, Satirical campaign medals, political medals, Indian Peace medals, Bryan money, Life saving medals, etc. etc. It was quite a work to put away the Napoleonic exhibition, as you can imagine.

Of course you will have heard of the death of Dr. Baltus which came to us all as a great shock. We are all somewhat stunned by it, and I think will miss him more than we yet realize. His body is being sent to the States for burial but so far we have but few details. Apparently he was to have married Mrs. Campbell Mac Keith, whom he brought with him to the last meeting here. Next week we are having a special meeting of the Council to formulate Resolutions for him. The Society has also sustained two other losses - Dr. Nies and Emerson Bellilin. All these seem to have come together and make sad gaps in our Membership. As you probably know, Dr. Nies died very suddenly in Jerusalem. He, too, will be greatly missed.

I am glad to hear that your monograph is progressing. Have you any idea as to when we may expect it. We are keeping the press

pretty busy just now with the following articles - Viarto's Seated Vestal, Mrs. Brett's Six Roman Bronze Medallions, Mr. G.F.Hill's Attambelos I of Characene, and my Commemorative Coinage of U.S.

Farran Zerbe is now in New York, and I am expecting to see him any minute now.

Mr. Newell is very fit and comes in occasionally from Malsite. Mrs. Brett is spending her usual summer at Westport Point - you probably know that she has adopted both a girl and a baby boy; this seems to give her little time for anything else!

With kind remembrances to your wife and hoping you and she are keeping well,

Very truly yours,

Dr. Arthur R. Evans
15 Emserstrasse
Wiesbaden, Germany

July 23rd, 1922

My dear Howland:-

Will you send me photgraphs of the following:-

Confederate half dollar (Obverse and reverse)

Roman denarius of Julius Caesar with elephant on obverse (Obverse)

Ceylon 48 stiver dump with elephant (Obverse)

GErman East Africa 15 ruppee gold (Obverse)

U. S. Cent (1801?) with 3 errors (Reverse)

U. S. Cent of same year with out errors (Reverse)

Will you also send me the dates of the series of Ceylon dumps, that is between what years were they coined.

Also will you pay my dues and arrears to the American Numimatic Association and let me now the amount to-gether with the price of the above photographs?

I am also inclosing a check for my fellowship dues to the Society which I have not yet paid for the current year.

In a day or two I will send you a letter which may be of some interest to these assembled for A. N. A. Convention. You may use it as you see fit.

Hope you are gaining strength.

Yours truly,

Arthur C. Hyman

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September 8th, 1922

My dear Arthur:

I held off writing to you again until after the Convention as I thought possibly I might have heard from you, seeing that you "threatened" to send another letter!

I am enclosing some trifle lighter prints of the three cents and the obverse of the Confederate half-dollar. I can't remember whether I sent you the obverse last time.

You owe me Five Dollars - $4.00 for the Numismatist for this year and 1923. You might as well continue being a member(for I think you are one) as it costs but 25¢ a year more. The $1.00 is for the photographs. Do you still want the Numismatist sent here or shall it be forwarded to your Paris address?

I am enclosing a bill which came today. I opened it by mistake.

I remember I asked you to try to get me a medal which the French struck last year in response to the German Lusitania medal. If the spirit moves you and you are in the neighbourhood of the mint, please try to get me one.

How are you getting along with your 1812 article?

Wishing you luck in not too much family, I am

Very truly yours,

Mr. Arthur C. Wyman
24 Avenue du Maine
Paris (XV) France

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Russell Square
London, W, C. 1

My dear Wood

I have been meaning for several weeks to write to you but you can imagine that it is hard to settle down to write when there is so much to see and do.

A few days ago I got your letter of the 3rd and the 11th which reached me on the same day. Of course we get rather limited news about things at home and I can't tell how much your plans may be affected by conditions in America but I think you would be all right as far as conditions on this side are concerned'. Of course things are upset but there is no special difficulty once you get the hang of the place and in spite of the high prices living is cheaper here than in New York and growing more so! I talked with Allen and Hill at the B. M. about your coming over and they are quite prepared to welcome you and let you at anything you want to see. I did not say anthing to Mr. Hill about writing to you as it did not come quite right to do so.

I have arranged with Baldwin to send you direct some miniatures of the new medals and decorations, especially those which have been given to Americans. The pieces themselves are fearfully high just now but are bound to come down. I did pick up a Military Medal in a pawn shop in Dublin for 2pounds 10 shillings. As Baldwin is charging 6 or 7 pounds for them I thought it was a good buy. I also will send a little book on decorations which seems to be quite up to date.

We are sailing back from Havre on Dec. 27th by the French line. We are going to Paris shortly. Mr. Saltus is now in Nice and there is a chance I may not be able to catch up with him. I have had several letters and telegrams from him.

My recollection is that I had not actually made up any lots for auction. I had placed a lot of duplicates in the flat case outside the coin room door to the left which were for sale but the last lots actually arranged were those which Elder sold while you were away.

I sent you from Montreal a ribbon which I said was

the Canadian General Service Medal ribbon. It is rather an Army General Service Ribbon for the British Empire. The medal itself is not yet issued but a miniature of it is included in the lot from Baldwin.

I have just borrowed this typewriter. It is in bum condition and in addition has a French keyboard but perhaps you can read its efforts.

Thank Mr. Noe for his care of my books. There are more on the way. I have arranged for his casts at the B. M. and will try to get those at Cambridge.

Frankly, I shall be glad to see you all again even though I have been having a great time.

Yours most sincerely

Arthur [illegible]

Sudley House,
Sudley Road,
Bognor, Sussex,
England.

November 2nd, 1922

My dear Howland:-

The above is to be my address, probably for the rest of the winter and at least until further notice. We are very comfortably settled here right on the south coast about thirty miles west of Brighton and a little over sixty miles from London. The Gulf Stream sweeps along this shore and keeps it reasonably warm and I am assured that Bognor is one of the sunniest places in England. Certainly we have had plenty of sunshine during the month that we have been here.

Will you have the accumulation of second class mail of which wrote sent here. In this connection, (I do not quite understand the connection myself, but for some reason the two subjects are associated in my mind) I must apologize for not having sent and not sending at the moment the check for five dollars. There has been some mix up about my New York bank account. Apparently a deposit that I supposed had been made did not reach them. At any rate I am now waiting for a letter from them and until it comes I do not wish to take the chance of drawing on them. Settling or straightening out matters of the sort by mail at a distance of 3000 miles takes an uncomfortably long time but I should have it all right soon and will then send you the check.

I am enclosing herewith another lot of odds and ends for the Museum. Of course the Calpurnia denarius is the best but the other denarius is a scarce type. I think I paid a guinea for the one I had in my collection and it was not as well preserved as this one though slightly better centered. With this lot, as with everything I may send you, you may keep or sell any you wish, but as far a possible the proceeds of any sale are to be used in buying European coins.

Major Carylon-Britton of the British Numismatic Society lives about six miles from here. I have had one very delightful visit with him and expect to see him more. I have been in London several times and have seen the people at the B. M. and the Baldwins. By the way, every one here seems to feel that the explanation of Mr. Saltus' death was not quite satisfactory. Fred Baldwin says that Saltus

always brought any coins he wanted cleaned to them and I have also learned that the loose coins that were found in his room were copper on which he would not have been likely to use Cyanide. I have maintained, of course, that it must have been an accident and that no other explanation is possible.

Has the recent upset in Greece had any effect upon Noe's plans. From what I hear in this part of the world, I should feel inclined to give Greece a pretty wide berth just now. One of the ladies living in this house has some relatives married to Greeks and I have gathered this impression from things that she has said.

I am hoping to attend the R. N. S. meetings this winter and Major Carylon-Britton is also putting me up for membership in the British Numismatic Society. If membership in societies will make a numismatist of me I ought to be pretty good by the time I get home.

Give my regards to evry one and be sure and take the best care of yourself.

Always yours truly,

Arthur S. Hyman

Sudley House
Sudley Road,
Bognor, Sussex,
England.

December 22nd, 1922

My dear Howland:-

I received this morning the bundle of magazines etc. and was very glad to get them. I am now enclosing my check for ten dollars. This will pay you the five dollars I owe you, the postage etc. Will you use the balance to pay my dues to the A. N. A. and also find out my standing with the New York Club. If there is enough, pay that also and let me know how much more is needed. I do not wish to loose any of my Numismatic connections, but am really having a little difficulty financing my stay in Europe now that I have to provide food and lodging, not mention other supplies to a third member of the family. Ralph's other sister has helped a little but so little that the amount is practically negligible. However, May is now agreeable to his being sent back to America and so the burden will not rest on us much more.

I have been wanting to send odds and ends to the Museum, just as I have been doing, but it has occurred to me that a better plan would be to spend what little I can afford for that purpose somewhat more systematically. That is take some definite series and try to stick to that. If you can spare the time then, will you send me a list of the English coins of the reign of Edward Sixth that are in the Museum, I will try to get some of those of this King which you lack. I suggest Edward VI because his reign was a short one but if some other similar series seems better to you, it will do as well. If in your list you could give me references to some of the standard works on English coins it would of course help. Also could you let me have a list of the Eighteenth century tokens of the county of Sussex that are in the Museum. This need be only a list of the Atkins Numbers. If I remember correctly they are all checked the Library copy of Atkins. At any rate they are on the boxes the tokens are in.

May and spent a few days in London last week and had a lot of fun. We now plan to go back there to stay some time later but I can't say just how soon. It may seem best to remain here for the rest of the winter and not go to London until we can be reasonably sure of settled weather. So far it it has not been cold down here on the coast and we get a great deal more sunshine than we would anywhere else

We have been to Brighton and Portsmouth several times. Brighton is thirty miles east of us and Portsmouth the same distance west. Besides that we have wandered a bit among the small villages around about here and once we can be sure of the weather we will begin to move about considerably. Still we keep busy and amused. Just now, of course, the great excitement is Christmas. I am to introduce the residents of this house to Martini cocktails as my part of the ceremonies and as I write the bottled ingredients stand near my machine on the table. I wish you could have some of it.

Are you ever going to get the balance of your sabatical year? I suggested that custom for your benefit and did not expect it to be used to give you more rather than less work.

With best regards to all, I am

Yors sincerely

Arthur C. Hyman

February 1st, 1923

Dear Arthur:

Your letter of December 22nd came duly to hand, but with the Annual Meeting, getting out the Proceedings, and 735 other things I have simply put off replying.

I am enclosing the A.N.A. card. Last year we paid you up for two years. Also, last year's and this year's Club bills. Therefore, I have only expended four dollars out of the five dollars, and owe you one dollar. What shall I do with this amount of money?

I am enclosing a list of what we have in Lussex tokens, and also a sheet of rubbings of our coins of Edward VI.

I am very glad that you are in England and hope that you are putting in a nice comfortable winter. I think that both of you will be better off than staying in Paris. If I were you, I would do everything in my power to put myself on Easy Street!

When I will get the balance of my Sabbatical year, I do not know! To begin with, I have not the means to swing it, and then I think for various reasons, I am better off here on the job than away from it. Another good and sufficient reason is that just at present I have no very special object to go away for and especially to spend that amount of money.

We are beginning to get very busy here with the Sculpture Exhibition that is going to break out all over the terrace like a case of measles. The stuff is now coming in and I have been roped in to do most of the work on the social end. I am hoping that we shall not have to tear all the inside of the building to pieces like we did for your friend, Clare. We shall use all our wall cases, and mask over the present exhibit with new boards.

We hear from Roe now and then, and he seems to be having the time of his young life - playing the piano, attending charade parties and, although he doesn't mention it, flirting with girls. I wish I could pipe him off from behind a palm.

Where's your monograph? We shall hope to hear from you again soon. With best wishes to you both,

Very truly,

Greetings from V.E.

Sudley House,
Sudley Road,
Bognor, Sussex.

March 1st, 1923

My dear Howland:-

Thanks very much for attendance to the matter of dues etc. You may put the extra dollar into the purchase of coins. I am enclosing four mint [illegible] pennies. You may have them, though the K N 1918 is by no means common.

We are leaving Bognor for London next week. Ralph is still here and will go to London with us but is to be sent home shortly after our arrival there. I am not yet sure how long we will stay in London. Perhaps only a few weeks and then back to Paris. While in London I shall try to get some things for the Museum. I have just received word of my election as a member of the British Numismatic Society, having been proposed by Major Carylon-Britton.

I have been very much interested in the recent monagraphs. Would it not be a good plan to put on the title page some indication of who the author is, besides his name? That is "Keeper of Coins, British Museum" or Fellow of American Numismatic Society" under the authors's name.

The wildest dissipation in this town are the frequent public progressive whist parties. I have become a regular attendant and so far have won one pound sterling in cash and a fifteen shilling basket of sour fruit. Besides that I take lonf walks in the country several times going over ten miles in an afternoon. On the whole we have had remarkable weather; no snow and only two really cold days. Yesterday and to-day are like early June. It seems almost a pity to be leaving the country just now but I am afraid the call of the big towns is strong within me.

Hope every thing is going well. Tell Miss Earle that I can drink tea with any one now.

As ever,

Arthur C. Hyneman

March 13th, 1923

Dear Arthur:

The N.Y.N.C. returned the four dollarsI paid for your dues stating that according to the By-laws you would have to make a re-application when you came back as your membership had lapsed. I smelt a nigger in the woodpile, and found that at the Executive meeting Boyd had raised a rumpus, and they decided that that was the best way of treating the matter. Therefore, I have to your credit $5. Shall I place this in the bank for you?

I did not,realize that there were mint marks on the English coins. Evidently I have been asleep. Pray tell me what the K.N. stands for. I suppose H. is for Heaton.

Let me know all the news you pick up in London; and carefully try to find out if there is anything thematter with John Allan. I have received no direct reply from him since last Spring.

We gave Hill the Huntington medal at the Annual Meeting, and I suppose you will see it around his neck.

I am right in the midst of perparing for the Sculpture Exhibition which will last all summer. The medal end of it will be shown here, but our building is the headquarters for work and the catalogues. Mrs. Brett has been put in charge of the catalogues, and quite largely in charge of the whole show.

Long before you receive this, you will possibly have read of the marriage of Mr. Huntington to Miss Hyatt which came as a great surprise to us all here. We were in touch with him on the Friday, the day before his marriage, and he only told us that he was going away for a t me. The Sunday newspapers informed us of the news, and we are all glad for him and wish him joy.

Ellsworth sold the entire contents of his New York house to Knoedler for about a million dollars. He evidently wanted to get rid of all his associations with the house and made Knoedler buy all or nothing. Garrett and Raymond bought up the coins for about nine thousand.

I must bestir myself now to do a raft of toher things, so must cut this letter short.

Very truly, and with best wishes,

(NOT OFFICIAL)

THOS. COOK & SON,

Waiting Room,

London

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My dear Rowland:

I am enclosing 3 Cusey tickets and an Edward VI sixpence and threepence for the Museum.

We shall ~~leave~~ London for another two three weeks and then return to Paris address c/o Cook Paris.

Yours truly

Arthur Wagner

G248-23.

March 28th, 1923

Dear Arthur:

Your letter with the tokens at hand, and very glad to get them. They have already been added to our Collection with your name on the back of the boxes.

I've been to Cavalettingale, and I have been to Flushing (L.I.), and have bought a house there.

This is all the news that is on the carpet today.

Very truly,

April 24th, 1923

Dear Arthur:

Your letter of April came awhile ago and I was glad to hear from you. Also, I am glad to know that your family has dwindled.
As for your being back in Paris, I don't know. That, however, is up to you!

I will endeavour to use your five dollars to buy some coin or coins to your liking. Many thanks.

Mrs. Campbell has been up once or twice lately and still dwells at great length on how J.S.S. was in the habit of cleaning coins.

I think I acknowledged the Edward VI coins. Again, many thanks.
I will try to get later the approximation of what you have given to the Society, but I cannot do it right now.

Miss Meagher is in hospital with appendicitis - the afternath of a complaining winter. It would be funny if they stuck a monkey gland in where the appendix was and she should come back frisking all over the place. I have tried to treat her in a very human manner this winter and she has really been quite coquettish! (He doesn't dare say anything like this about me because I am typing the letter for him; but, even so, he is capable of adding a P.S.VE)

Not a word from the bridal couple. Probably they are in Europe travelling in cog.

Great crowds are coming up to the Sculpture Exhibition. It is a very fine show, the terrace and grounds quite metamorphosized.

Very truly yours,

Kindest remembrances. You see I am still here - just three years. Everyone is so awfully good to me always that if I'm not careful I shall find myself still here fifty years from now - then it will be time to go under a glass case. V.E.E.

August 11th, 1923

Dear Arthur:

Please drop a line to the bank concerning the enclosed, as it appears to be on your own personal check book and not on the Society's.

The Sculpture Exhibition is over, and for some time now I shall be re-arranging the medal cases as we have sixteen new swings in which to put our new accumulation of medals.

There seems to be a dearth of numismatic news. Hayte Raymond said that he saw you in Paris, and I trust that you are keeping busy and out of mischief.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Arthur C. Wyman

November 15th, 1923

Dear Wyman:

It is a long time since I have written to you, and a longer time since you have written to me. In fact, I don't know where you are!

Both Noe and I are very anxious to get those casts which he left with you as well as those which you promised to get at the time he was in Paris. I wish you could leave Genevieve and Antoinette alone long enough to attend to this little matter. I realize that keeping these young ladies happy and writing that book on Costumes takes up all your valuable time; however, if you could get up a quarter of an hour earlier some morning, although it might disrupt Paris in general, we might be able to get the casts.

Very truly,

Mr. Arthur C. Wyman
Messrs. Cook et Fils
2 Place de la Madeleine
Paris, France

29 Place Dauphine
Paris (I), France

Dec. 3rd, 1923

My dear Howland:-

I have had a Hell of a summer. The latter part of July There came a crisis in certain matters that looked as if it would result in a general smash up. I can't, or rather do not wish to go into details, but I remember to have mentioned a similar, though not so serious matter, in talking to you one day before I left New York. At any rate it resulted in giving up the apartment at rue St. Marc and putting one of my trunks in storage. By mistake the plaster casts got packed in that ~~xxx~~ trunk. I had been holding them to make another attempt to get the other casts, as both my engagements with the Greek gentleman had miscarried, although Raymond and I waited for him all one afternoon. I should, of course, have written Noé what had happened but I was so miserable and at the time it seemed as if it would require an explanation of what was happening and I did not feel able to make that. Now that it is over and apparently satisfactorily so, it does not seem so bad, but at the time I did not much care if I never heard of or from New York again.

About a month ago I got my trunk again, but since then have spent most of the time in bed. I caught a bad cold which settled in my bronchial tubes. I suppose I was pretty well run down, and before many days I began to spit up blood. The doctor decided that my lungs were not affected but that I must stay in bed until my cough was entirely gone and I am still in bed writing this letter with the machine on my lap. However I can now get up a few hours a day and I will get the

casts off this afternoon or to-morrow. I found a few of them broken after Noe gave them to me when I put them into the wooden box in which they have reposed so peacefully all summer.

I am also sending you for the Museum some odds and ends including a pretty representative collection of French war money and the emergency issues since the war. It is by no means complete as some of the issues are still continuing but I am keeping a list of what I send and will,add to it from time to time. This series included a lot of essais struck in silver but I have not made any effort to get any of them. Would it be too much trouble for you to send back to me any duplicates as I can use them in exchange for pieces not included in the lot I am now sending. I will enclose a list of the other things in the package. Any of these which are duplicates you can dispose of in any way that will add to the collection of European pieces. Have you got the French silver franc and two francs struck at Castelsarasin in 1914 with the mint mark C on the reverse, when the mint was temporarily removed from Paris for fear of the Germans. The one franc is very rare and the two francs is quite scarce. I have them both and will give them to the museum if you do not already have them but am not including them now. Also have you the 10 stivers silver , 1809, of Louis Bonaparte King of Holland. This is extremely rare but I have a fine specimen which you may have if not already in the collection.

In a letter received this summer which I did not answer you asked about a check on which I stopped payment. I stppoed payment on one of my own checks once, though I do not now remember what one or what for. I also stopped payment on a petty cash check. I had drawn it one day and when I got to the bank

to cash it, it had disappeared. As I had made it out to bearer, I was afraid I might have dropped on the street and it might be used. I wrote another check at the bank for the money I needed or at least I think now that is what I did. At any rate when I got back to the Museum, I found the first check on my desk where I had left it. I may have destroyed it and let the stub go for the check I had cashed and not thought to notify the bank. My recollection is that Miss Reilly went up to the bank with me that same day so that I might introduce her. Perhaps she may remember about it in more detail. If this does not explain it, the banks notice must relate to one of my own checks.

How is your new house? It must be fine for the kiddies, who by the way, are probably young ladies now and should not be spoken of in that informal way.

I heard here from one of the dealers that Brand had lost a fortune by investing in German marks and that he was buying almost no coins now. Do you know anything about it?

I am enclosing a check for twenty dollars, payable to your order. $15.00 is for my dues to the Society which I believe are unpaid for the year. Will you pay also my Association dues and if there is any balance buy European coins.

Sincerely yours

Arthur C. Hyman

29 Place Dauphine
Paris, (I), France

December 24th, 1923

My dear Howland:-

I am sending off the third package of French emergency currency. This makes the lot of those I have so far been able to get but I shall keep on the look out for more. Of course they are not really very important, but as the Museum has such a good collection of the German pieces of the same sort, I thought I would see what I could do with the French issues. They are not altogether easy to get hold off and the bunch I have so far sent represent a total outlay of about ten dollars. The ones since the armistice generally sell for double their face value, though I have gotten a few at actual face value. The others run to four or five times face value. Ciani has published a catalogue of those issued previous to 1919. If you have not gotten it I will send you a copy. I am enclosing herewith nine French and other pieces of the kind described in the article "The Levantine Coinage," in the Numismatic Chronicle, 1921, p. 39. If any of these are duplicates, do what seems best with them. The other three pieces explain themselves.

he wants it

I have recently picked up a catalogue of the Strozzi Collection, sold in Rome in April, 1907. It is not priced and the cover is off, but if Noe wants it for the library I will send it along. The plates are in perfect condition. Also a catlogue of the Greek section (997 lots) of M. V. Luneau, sold in Paris, March, 1922, this has 21 plates and I think I can get hold of a list of

yes

yes not he have price list.

of the prices to go with it if the library does not already have it. I have some other catalogues which I am using now myself but will eventually turn over to you if they are not duplicates.

I have been gettting very much interested in the coinage issued in the name of Cardinal Bourbon, as Charles X of France when the Catholic League tried to prevent the accession of Henry of Navarre. The old Cardinal died in 1590 but the coins with his name continued to appear until 1597 and were in regular circulation but there does not seem to be any very clear idea of who was responible for them. Have you any of these pieces and if so what are they. I am especially interested in the dates and the mintmarks. I have a dozen or so of these coins myself, including two gold, all of which will go to you some day.

My cough does not seem to disappear as completely as I had hoped and I still stay in the house on cold or wet days, which at this time of year, means most of the time. I am going out to a Christmas Eve dinner to-night and after that to a midnight mass at the church of Ste. Eustache.

Merry Christmas to all.

Yours truly

Arthur C. Hyman

P.S. The Bragg catalogue has all of one plate and part of another with coins of Pontefract and the Duncan catalogue illustrates a dozen or more. A.C.H.

January 3rd, 1924

Dear Arthur:

Your letter and the casts came, and we were all very glad to hear from you. I am sorry to know that everything has not been running smoothly with you. I suppose, however, that you are feeling better now that the franc has dropped.

Newell is in Egypt or Palestine, and will be back in the Spring.

We are getting ready for our Annual Meeting; and, also, trying to make both ends meet with the publications as we have spent all our surplus, and can now only publish what we have the money for!

I want to thank you for the tokens which you sent, and will either enclose in this letter or send separately, the few pieces that we have and which you ask to have returned. I am keeping all of the other coins. We have the franc and two-franc piece struck in 1914 with mint-mark C. We have not the 10-stiver 1809 of Louis Napoleon.

We like very much our new home, and the children thoroughly enjoy it. It takes me jutt an hour from door to door; and as I am busy reading the newspaper, I don't mind the trip in the least. The children are growing fast, and are getting along finely at school.

I know that Brand is not buying very much to cash, but I understood that it was due to the fact he was using all of his money in converting his brewery into something else.

I have paid your dues to the Society and to the Association; the latter are now $3.00.

Will you notify Duffield where you want The Numismatist sent. He is sending it C/o The American Express Company.

Trusting you are feeling much better, I am,

Very truly,

Mr. Arthur C. Wyman

Paris, January 8th, 1924

My dear Howland:-

I received a letter from Noe this morning which reminded me that I had intended to call your attention to the fact that the several lots of odds and ends which I have recently sent you were to be considered as my Christmas contribution to the Cabinet if the plan proposed by Mr. Newell was actually in operation. I am now sending under seperate cover three more pieces, of rather more importance than those already sent. The silver franc of 1914 with the mint mark C for Castelsarasin, I have already written you about. I am assuming that you do not have one. They are really quite rare, only 43,221 of them being struck during the few weeks in 1914 that the French government including the mint left Paris. Like all the French silver then in circulation, a large proportion of them went in to the melting part when silver reached its very high price during the war and it is now very difficult to find them. I should value the piece at from $3.00 to $5.00. I also have the two franc piece which I will send you later. This is scarce but not nearly so much so as the other as there were 461,649 pieces struck.

The two gold pieces of the pretender, Charles X, Cardinal de Bourbon are from the Paris and the Rouen mint. They vary also in the placing of the date. Neither of them is very common and they are worth from $7.00 to $8.00 each. I am mentioning these values because if any of the pieces are duplicates, you may sell them and buy other European coins but if you can not get those prices you better send them back to me and let me dispose of them and send you something else.

I have been writing a little account of the coinage of Charles X for the numismatist. When it is ready I shall send it to you and ask that you photograph the coins which I wish to use with it as illustrations. One of them will be Paris piece now going to you. The others I will send in my next package.

When I sent you the French War money, I said I would continue to add to it. but it occurs to me that the two or three hundred francs that this would involve might be used to better advantage since the collection as it stands is fairly representative. What to you feel about this? I had started to get it together to balance the the collection of German war money which was given while I was still at the museum. You know I can not afford to give the Museum as much as I would like to and I want to make what I can give fit the needs of the Society's collection as much as possible. Of course the most intelligent way to do this would be to decide just how much I can afford for that

purpose and send the cash to you to use, but I am not quite generous enough to do that as it would deprive me of the fun I get in finding an buying the things and the opportunity that it gives me to look over the different dealers stocks.

I still have an odd lot of coins which are to go to you. There are some formalities in sending silver or gold out of this country and if I make up too large a package at one time I might not be able to get them off, which is the reason for these contributions in sections. The small packages are not questioned by the postal authorities, but they held me up once when I tried to mail xx a larger one.

Just at present the city is just recovering from a scare due to the flood in the Seine, which day before yesterday was about twenty four feet above its normal level. This meant that the landing stages on each side of the river were ten or twelve feet under water and and in several places the streets were flooded. The Champ de Mars was xxxxxxxxxxxxxx flooded. Incidentally the cellar of our hotel, here on the Ile de la Cite filled up and put out the furnace so we have been without heat or hot awter for several days and it has been bitterly cold. As my cough still bothers me I have gone back to bed. Fortunately since last night the river has gone down about two feet, which has cleared our cellar out and tjis afternoon the steam heat is on again.

I am enclosing the only notice other thana mere announcement, in regard to M. Babelon, which I have found in any of the French papers. He had been very nice to me several times lately since my French has reached the point, where, like the little boy with the wireless, I can receive, if if I cannot send.

Hope you are keeping well and that the New Year will bring as much of what you want as is good for you.

Yours truly,

January 19th, 1924

My dear Arthur:

Your letter of December 24th arrived the other day, and I have looked over the coins. You will note by the few that I am returning that I have kept most of them. We have now a pretty good collection of these , but that fact need not stop you in your good work. Newell, from time to time, has been turning over to us many French Provincial coins. Still, our collection is in its infancy, therefore I am more than glad to get any that you can pick up - especially in good condition! Most of ours are rather poor.

I would like to have Ciani's catalogue. I have one here which I have been using as a check list, but the Library has none. Noe says he would like to have the Strozzi catalogue. We have one copy with a price list so we don't really need a second price list.

I am enclosing rubbings of what coins we have of Charles X. Saltus gave us the silver ones and I bought the gold one a while ago.

Miss Reilly is laid up with appendicitis, and Mr. Noe is crippled with rheumatism.

Our Annual Meeting was somewhat better this year. The Reports were fine.

If in your wanderings around, you see any Decorations of the Chinese Republic or Portuguese Republic other than their Victory Commemorative medal and War Cross, I would like to get them and can reimburse you for them. Also, any bran new coins from Morocco or Tunis or French Syria.

With best wishes,

Very truly,

Arthur C. Wyman, Esq.
29 Place Dauphine
Paris, I, France

29 Place Dauphine
Paris (I), France

January 23rd, 1924

Dear Howland:-

I received yesterday the returned duplicates of the French war and emergency money. Am glad you were able to use so many of them and hope the other lot which you must have received by now will also proove to have some additions for the Society. By mistake I included in that lot the 1914 franc with the C mint mark. Unless you can dispose of it to vey good advantage, would it be too much trouble to return it to me. I meant to send the Louis Napoleon 10 stiver piece which I will get off to you shortly. Apparently this latter is a real rarity. I have not yet found out much about it but think it is probably a pattern.

I am sending you herewith an article which I have written for the Numismatist. Under seperate cover I am sending a cast of the silver franc mentioned in the article and a silver ½ ecu of the Paris mint also mentioned. Will you have these photographed, together with the gold ecu of the Paris mint which I have already sent you and then send the Mss. with the photographs to Duffield. Meanwhile I am writing to him directly in regard to sending me the Numismatist in care of Thomas Cook & Sons, 2 Place de la Madeleine, which by the way, is always the safest address for me. We have been living for several months now in this little hotel on the Ile de la Cite near the Pont Neuf, with ~~are~~ our windows overlooking one branch of the river.

It has been very interesting but has had some disadvantages and we shall shortly be moving again. One of the disadavantages developed a short time ago when the Seine rose to more than twenty four feet above its normal level. It flooded the cellar of the hotel and put out the furnace fire on the very coldest days we have had this winter. Fortunately the cold weather also stopped the rains and the river began to to recede. If it had gone up only a few feet further we would have been going out to our meals in a boat or more likely not getting out at all.

I also received yesterday #20 of Numismatic Notes & Monagraphs. I have never had No. 19, though all the others have reached me. Incedentally I think I can read a bit between the lines in you statement in regard to the exhaustion of the funds for publication. Ah well!

Hope the annual meeting goes off smoothly.

Yours truly

Arthur C. Wyman

P.S. The 1/4 cent which I am ~~sending~~ sending is the best specimen from the Paris mint which I can find at the moment, I for you happen to already have a better one, photograph that instead. A.C.W.

February 14th, 1924

Dear Arthur:

Your letter of January 23rd, with the Coinage of a Phantom King article at hand.

I have just been going through the agonies of what is known as "Coin Week". There have been six separate exhibitions of coins throughout New York this week, under the paternal care of Moritz Wormser as President of the A.N.A. I think the labour involved will hardly pay - but then it does absolutely no harm.

If I do not sell for about $4.00 the 1914 franc which you sent, I will return it to you. I am trying one or two people with it.

I will take care of your article on Charles X and get it to Duffield very shortly, together with some photographs, as you request.

I should judge from the whole tone of your letters that you are picking up and feeling quite spiffy.

Monograph No.19 shall be sent to you.

I think I wrote in a previous letter that we could improve, especially in condition, our copper French Seigneral coins as well as the silver. I mention the copper as I noticed the other day that the few we did have were pretty poor.

Excuse this short letter but I am now catching up with two weeks of being away from my desk.

Very truly,

Arthur C. Wyman, Esq.

29 Place Dauphine, Paris

March 22nd, 1924

Dear Arthur:

Just a line to enclose these two clippings which I think may interest you. I thought Lindheim's case had been quashed but evidently he has got to serve his sentence.

Very truly,

Arthur C. Wyman, Esq.
Paris, France

June 25th, 1924

Dear Arthur:

The enclosed name may interest you in connection with your 1812 records. You will note that the price is beyond our reach.

Trusting all is going well with you, in haste,

Yours,

September 9th, 1924

Dear Arthur:

We were speaking of you the other day at tea time, and Noe and Miss Earle were upbraiding me for not having written to you. I had a good alibi because I have been really and absolutely away for two months. I have been having the time of my life since July 1st; most of the time has been at the sea-shore, and when not there, autoing into Maine, New Hampshire and other interesting places. To crown all, I have been two weeks with John Reilly at Nantucket.

Many thanks for the Pattern franc of Louis Bonaparte. This certainly is a fine addition.

When Elder's catalogue comes out, I will do my best to protect your two coins. If I am not around, I will try to get Newell to protect them.

We have had, for the most part, a hot summer, though the Fall is somewhat rainy; the Lord knows what the winter will bring forth!
I am rather glad to know that you are thinking of coming home; I should think that you would begin to tire of Europe.

I am at the Society this month so as to let Noe off for his vacation. Reilly is planning to go to China next June for a year. Mr. Huntington has been around New York all summer, though we have seen little of him. I suppose you heard that he married Miss Anna Hyatt?
Did you see Wormser when he was in Paris with his wife this summer? Wayte Raymond was also over. Ferriss P. Merritt took upon himself Miss Orr as a bride last Spring and went to Europe. Merritt has made a bushel of money in the past year or so, and for all I know is worth a million or so. He has been very grateful to the Society, and has given it a thousand or so dollars already.

We are getting ready for a Foreign Medals exhibition in October which promises to be interesting. This Museum does not appear to suffer much from stagnation!

Before Noe left, he asked me to send you his regards when I wrote to you. Miss Earle also sends greetings.

Trusting all is well with you,

Very truly,

Arthur C. Wyman, Esq.
7 Rue Campagne-Premiere, XIV, Paris

7, RUE CAMPAGNE-PREMIÈRE. XIVe

Paris, France

My dear Howland:-

I am enclosing the pattern franc of Louis Bonaparte as king of Holland, which I promised you a long time ago. It really is a rarity and I feel that I was lucky to get hold of as nice a specimen as this for the Museum.

I have not seen many coins lately and my time and energy have been devoted to much less productive amusements than numismatics. Still I have not forgotten that subject entirely and now that the winter is upon us and the temptation to stay outdoors is not so great I shall probably get busy again. Incidentally, I have just sent a couple of hundred or more pieces to tom Elder for sale. Included among them were two nice denarii, one of Gordian Africanus, sr. and one of Gordian Africanus, jr. These are awfully rare. I got them for a song plus a few francs at the time when the franc was twenty six to the dollar. Nevertheless they ought not to sell for less than twenty five dollars a piece. Would it be to much trouble to keep your eye open for them in Elder's catalogue and when they come up bid them up to eighteen dollars. If you have to buy them, do so and I will send you a check. I don't give Elder a reserve price on them myself.

Speaking of winter coming on, we have not really had any summer here this year. Rain almost every day since the middle of June and no very warm days. Still in Paris it seldom rains all day at a stretch, and when it stops raining the sun comes out almost immediately. My chief amusement has been playing tennis between showers, during the day and going to the movies in the evening. My French has now reached the point whene I can read the captions almost as fast as is necessary to keep up with the picture. However I am beginning to get tired of Europe as a steady diet and have commenced to save up for my passage home. As we have hitherto crossed on slow boats, we are very anxious to return on one of the fast ones and so it may be some time before we have accumulated sufficient funds for that.

Give my regards to every one.

Very truly yours

Arthur E. Newman

January 16th, 1925

Dear Arthur:

I have delayed writing to you for your last letter indicated that you might be coming home. Shortly after that, a letter from Thos. Cook & Sons was sent here by the Corn Exchange Bank which made me think that you were surely on your way.

In the last Numismatist was a news-item from Chicago stating that you had allied yourself with the Moving Picture industry. It is a wonder to me that you had not gone in for this before. I can see you, with one eye, as the Heavy Lover, and with the other, as a Director, with an old golf suit on, leather puttees, a cap on any old way and a cigar hanging from your mouth! I trust that you are enjoying the game and that the game is enjoying you.

I am enclosing two letters for you. Presumably, by this time you have heard from Elder that your two Gordian pieces brought good prices - one $27 and the other $25.

Mr. Gillingham is now Treasurer and we are having a thorough housecleaning. We are now down to the lowest ebb and the following are holding the fort: Wood, Noe, Earle, Ruch, William and a doorboy.

Please drop me a line and let me know the latest turn of events.

Very truly

Kind remembrances from V. Earle

27th December, 1927

Mr. Arthur C. Wyman,
c/o Guttag Brothers,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wyman:

The other day one of our members sent us a cheque for $25 to buy a coin as a Christmas present to the Society. I have forgotten the exact price that you asked for that large gold coin of Albania, but think it is about this amount. If you can sell one for $25. I would appreciate it, and I am enclosing a cheque for this amount.

I spoke to you the other day, asking if you could sell some copies of our Mexican Revolutionary Coins booklet. This came out a few years ago in our small-sized monographs. The price was $2.00. I could let you have a number of copies at $1.00; I think you ought to be able to sell them for $1.50.

I am enclosing a list made out by Robertson. I think this is in reference to buying some coins later on from the proceedings of the Long Island Numismatic Society's fund.

Very truly yours,

Curator

ARTHUR CRAWFORD WYMAN
26 GROVE STREET
NEW YORK

January 27th, 1928

My dear Howland:-

Enclosed is my check for thirty ($30.00) dollars as I said over the telephone today.

I wanted to get up to see you tomorrow, but long ago had promised young Peter Sykes that I would go out to his home some Saturday afternoon and he came in this morning so enthusiastically to invite me that I hadn't the heart to dissappoint him.

I have an idea that may be in time, profitable for both of us and would like to get a chance to talk it over with you.

As ever,

Arthur Crawford Wyman

CABLE ADDRESS: GUTTABRO

GUTTAG BROS.

16-18 EXCHANGE PLACE

NEW YORK

March 17, 1928.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway and 156th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Howland:

To confirm my request over the telephone, will you photograph the St. Joachim's Thaler. I am also enclosing the 45 Piastres Cyprus piece which I would be glad to have photographed at the same time. There is no great rush about this, but we would be glad to have them by the first of the month at the latest if this is possible.

For our new form of Bulletin we are going to undertake considerable illustration and would be glad to have you make all the photographs for the present if you care to do so. Generally, I think I will be able to arrange so that none of the work will be of a rush nature, as I am doing with the present pieces, the cuts of which we will want to use for the next issue due for publication the 15th of April.

Very truly yours,

Arthur W. Guttag

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27th March, 1928

Mr. A. C. Wyman,
c/o Guttag Brothers

Dear Mr. Wyman:

I beg to inform you that at exactly 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, March 27, 1928, a copy of Guttag's Coin Bulletin addressed to the American Numismatic Society and another addressed to Mr. E. T. Newell, reached the building of the Society by United States mail, postage prepaid, one and a half cents.

Very truly yours,

Curator

2d June, 1928

Mr. A. C. Wyman,
c/o Guttag Brothers,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wyman:

I am herewith sending you various prints of the last coins we have done for Guttag Brothers and the last batch of nickel coins sent to us by yourself.

Very truly yours,

Curator

27th Sept., 1928

Mr. Arthur Wyman,
c/o Guttag Brothers,
New York City

Dear Mr. Wyman:

The only reference I have been able to find so far concerning those gold Javanese pieces is in one of Schulman's catalogues of March, 1914, Lot 2193. This he has as 'Netherland Indies imitation of double Ducatoon, struck in gold by native Princes'. We have not this catalogue priced so can not tell you what it brought. I also remember his telling me about these some years ago, stating that they were presentation pieces made in Java or Sumatra by native Sultans.

Very truly yours,

24th November, 1928

Mr. A. Wyman,
New York City

Dear Mr. Wyman:

I am herewith sending you mint reports from our files for the calendar years 1925, 1926, and 1927. 1927 you will note shows both value and number of pieces struck by the different mints. 1926 and 1925 give only the values. You will therefore have to figure out the number of pieces. As these are from our files, please return them when finished with them.

Very truly yours,

Curator

June 2,1930

My dear Arthur:

I am very glad to hear from you. In fact, I have been wondering when you would write, but I realized that you would probably not do so until you had settled somewhere. From your description of things, I should judge that you had picked out an ideal spot, - I trust there will be no "fly in the ointment", and that your Irish prunehound will not chew up your Chinaman! I can see where you will have the time of your life putting the place in order, and I also see where we shall see very little of you hereafter.

Mr.Reilly is fully recovered and seems better than he has been for years. He is now off and will be until the late fall. Such is life, or rather his life!

If you make the place too alluring to Sylvia you may find her some day camped on your trail.

Please excuse this brief note, but I have been away for a few days to the camp, and I am snowed under with correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

May 28th, 1930

My dear Howland:-

I have been meaning ever since we left New York to write you a letter, but have been terribly busy all the time. This trek across the continent has been a more absorbing undertaking than I had realized and we have been on the jump most of the time, especially since we reached California.

First, I wish to formally offer my resignation as a member of the New York Numismatic Club Executive Committee. Obviously my absence from the city makes it impossible for me to function.

We reached Oakland on April 13th and the next day began the negotiations for the purchase of a car, finally, on Dave Bruce's advice selecting a two-door Ford Sedan of the latest model which we have already run nearly 5000 miles with most satisfactory results. With the car actually purchased we started out to look for a home and covered a large part of the San Francisco Peninsula and the upper end of the Santa Clara valley, finally deciding that the latter gave us most nearly the climate and surroundings we wanted.

After looking at a number of places we settled on this one where we are now established. It is near the little village of Los Altos, about eight miles south west of Palo Alto and about thirty miles from San Francisco. We are in a narrow valley between high hills. Just before reaching our house the valley(called out here a canyon) forks into a V shape, being divided by a an abrupt ridge some two hundred feet high on the crest of which the house is located. giving us a view into the valley and its two branches in three directions. The place has a little over five acres, most of it side hill sloping abruptly down to the valley bottom, but to the west broadening out a little along the top of the dividing ridge.

The house has six comfortable rooms ; there is a two car garage and numerous summer houses and the like. An enormous amount of work has been done in the way of gardening, building winding paths on the side hills etc., but it has also been neglected for a year or two and needs a great deal of puttering to put into shape. There are a lot of live oaks on the hill side and in the gardens nearly a dozen varieties of roses besides all kinds of other brilliant flowers and any number of fancy shrubs, including three orange bushes.

We have a Chinese servant who cooks, waits on table and takes care of the house, besides acting

as chauffeur when needed. He is efficient and willing and occuppies a room at the back of the xxxx garage and really runs the place for us, doing our marketing etc. much less expensively that we we can do it ourselves. We pay him $60.00 a month. I spoke of him as Chinese, but really he is half Chinese and half Spanish and was born in New York where he once ran a gambling place until stopped by the police. He is too good to stay with us long but has been invaluable in getting started, and says that he will find some one to take his place if he ever wants to leave us. By the way, he secretary and interpreter for one of the big Chinese tongs in San Francisco and his cousin is national president of the same tong and he is apparently a real power in the San Francisco Chinatown.

By paying a years rent in advance, I got this place at a rental of fifty dollars a month with an option to buy at $8,500and I am pretty well convinced that I can get it a little cheaper when I really make up my mind.

A few days after I reached Oakland I read in a San Francisco paper that I was to be present at a meeting of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society to celebrate some anniversary. It was the first I had heard of it but I got into touch with the secretary and learned of his correspondance

with Noe and duly made my appearance. At the .. xt regualr meeting of the Society I was also present and boosted the A.N.S. for all I was worth. I am going again tonight and shall continue the missionary work and try to get some members for you.

My dog has arrived and is occuppying much of my time. She is lying beside the table as I write and looks as big as a young horse, having grown considerably since the pictures you saw were taken. Fortunately she is really no trouble except for a persistent desire not to let me out of her sight.

If you here from nickel Case will you tell him I am writing him in a few days. Also give my regards to Noe and and Newell and any one else at the museum. Has Mr. Reilly fully recovered? I hope so. Remember me to the Coin Club members and to your own family especially. Tell Sylvia that we have numberless lizards around this place and I have seen one horned toad that walked like a lizard, sat up like a toad and had a rudimentary tail. We also often see deer in valley below us and at night hear wildcats calling.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur C. Nyman

R.F.D. #1, Box 749.
Los Altos, California.

ARTHUR CRAWFORD WYMAN
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

February 10th, 1931

My dear Howland:-

I enclose my check for $25.00; $15.00 in payment of my annual dues; $10.00 for you to use in the purchase of European coins. I would be pleased if you let me know what coins you purchase.

You know me well enough to know what a rotten correspondent I am, but that does not mean I do not often think of you and all the others at the museum. I am glad to learn from the reports of the last annual meeting of the Society as it appeared in the Numismatist, that things are going along well and especially that you have another assistant for I know how much need you have for the proper kind of aid and it seems to me with Robertson and Miss Cox, you ought to find things easier for yourself and you certainly deserve an opportunity to get away from a lot of the routine.

A notice in one of the San Francisco papers announced John Reilly's death. It was a shock. although I knew he had not been well, but I had hoped he was one of those invalids who outlived some of the healthier people.In spite of the fights we had when you were in Europe that summer, I was awfully fond of him. The item in the paper here said his coins were left to the Society. Is that correct?

Please do not tell any one for the present what I am going to tell you now for reasons which I will explain as I go along. I have seen a 1894 S mint time here in Palo Alto. It is in the possession of a Mrs. Mary Hatch Barnet, who was the fiancee of Mr. Barnet, assistant director of the San Francisco mint at the time it was struck. She tells me a story which does not correspond with the one I have heard about these pieces but I believe she is correct. As I have said, she was engaged to be married to Mr. Barnet in 1894. Oneday she had an engagement to meet him to go out of town for dinner but received a message from him saying that he would be detained at the mint, owing to the absence of the director, until after the hour at which he was to meet her. He asked her, therefor, to call at the mint for him. She did so and he explained that before he could leave it was necessary for him to be present at the official trial of some new dies just received from Philadelphia. These were the ten cent dies. She went with him into the press room and remembers distinctly the little silver blanks being brought in on a chamois skin(Note this)

Just ten pieces were struck. Mr. Barnet took two of them to send to Philadelphia and turned the other eight over to the future Mrs. Barnet, after first paying eighty cents into the mint cashier for them. She kept them for some time, but has now given away all but one with ~~knew~~ knowledge of their special value. Most of the people to whom she gave them are now dead. Since she has learned that they are valuable she has tried to trace them but has been unsuccessful. She has now asked me to help her dispose of the one remaining and she now has a pretty good idea of its value. She is now pretty old and somewhat in her dotage and difficult to do business with which is the reason I don't want any premature publicity about the piece.

I asked you to note the chamois skin because the piece she has is a proof although she does not know the difference between a proof and an ordinary coin.

My only other numismatic experience out here has been my election as vice-president of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society of San Francisco. This is intended to carry with it promotion to the presidency next year following the usual precedent of the society. It really is not quite as much of a personal honor as it might seem. The truth is that every one out here is very anxious to get the A.N.A. convention into Los Angeles in 1932 and it was thought that my acquaintance in the east might be made better use of if I was president of the club that year. This was all carefully explained to me so that I wouldn't get a swelled head.

Now will you tell Noe that I wish to propose for associate membership in the A. N. S. Mr. Ernest Wernstrom, Post Office Box 384, San Francisco, Cal. Wernstrom is the present President of the Pacific Coast Society and a splendid chap, a very intelligent collector though not a student. He wished to be a member of the Society. I think I shall be able to get several more members later.

The dog business is proppering in a way. We have added to males to our collection. A puppy eight months old and a full grown but young dog who makes the two we already had look small. I am enclosing a snap of the lot. The puppy is the one lieing down, next him is Silver Tassie, the new dog, Prince of Orange and on the right our first love Fianna. Unfortunately Prince, who really is much bigger than the others does not look so in the picture. He came out here from Virginia and has been having a terrible time getting acclimated, losing nearly thirty pounds in weight, but is picking up now.

We go to occassional dog shows and have won some rather nice little pieces of silver ware and lots of pretty colored ribbons.

We have also finally purchased this place. We got it at the last very cheap as the woman who owned it got pressed for cash and was willing to make a big sacrifice. Some time I will send you a complete discription of it with pictures but this letter is long enough now for the present.

Remember me to all at the museum and give my love to Mrs. Wood and the children. We shall probably get East for a visit in the course of the next twelve months and she look forward to seeing you then.

Always sincerely yours,

Arthur Hawkes Hayman

Feb. 16,1931

Mr. Arthur C. Wyman
Los Altos, California

Dear Arthur:

I was more than pleased to receive your long chatty letter. Everything in it goes to bear out that you cannot keep a good man down. I have applied fifteen dollars of your checque for dues for 1931, and the other ten dollars I will hold till the proper coin or coins come along, and will then let you know what disposition I make of it.

Although Mr. Reilly's death was not unexpected, nevertheless it will make a distinct whole in our personnel here. The coins are not given to the Society, and will not be for about two years; when Francis is twenty-one there will be three alternatives. Either she carries on the work of her father, or the coins will be given to us, or they will be sold. I am partly inclined to think that Francis will not carry on, and that the difficulties of selling them will be so great that the easiest way plus the natural inclinations of Mrs. Reilly, will result in the Society's getting them. We shall not know definitely until a few years from now.

I think that the account of Mrs. Barnet is very interesting and likely enough too. There is no reason why it should not have been so. A few more may have been made the next day or a little later on for some good and sufficient reason. It is said twenty-four were made in all.

How far have you committed yourself in the proposal of Ernest Wernstrom for membership in the Society? If you have not, I think it would be well to let the matter drop. He has a most unsavoury reputation here in the east. He lived here upto about seven years ago and then disappeared

owing people money, chiefly Swedes and I think Numismatic people. He apparently left the company he worked for under a cloud, and everything about him here is unpleasant. Let me know confidentially if you can stall this off without any unpleasantness to yourself.

I notice your family is growing. I should presume that your chief housekeeping bill was food for the dogs. Some weeks ago I read with much interest the how and wherefore of Irish wolfhounds in an artilce that you sent me. It certainly looks as though you were in this seriously. I am glad to know that you have finally acquired your place and that you got it at a bargain. This certainly looks as if you were going to stay there permanently. I will be glad to see you whenever you come east. Things are going along here in the usual manner with nothing important or alarming to talk about.

Very sincerely yours,

ARTHUR CRAWFORD WYMAN
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

April 8th, 1931

My dear Howland:-

Luckily I was not involved seriously in the matter of proposing Wernstrom, and all that was necessary was to let the matter drop. I must confess that I was greatly surprised at the information about him and his past record. I was certain that it was some other Wernstrom who had had the trouble in the East. To make sure of this I asked Harvey Hansen how long this Wernstrom had been in California and was completely flabbergasted when instead of answering what I thought was a perfectly innocent question, he came back at me with the query, "Well what have you heard about Wernstrom when he was in the East?" Then it was necessary to go into the matter a little more fully to prevent it seeming worse than it really was and Hansen told me that he had heard the same things that I had. Without my knowing it he wrote to Zerbe, who I understand has seen you since then. Hansen, myself and Zerbe are the only members of the Pacific Coast Society who know of the matter and we have (that is Hansen and myself) decided that the matter is closed. W. has been a most enthusiastic and hard working booster for numismatics out here. He buys as much or more than any one out here and is the only member of the club who can and will give financial assistance to any great extent. He is also prominent in the local stamp collecting crowd and

has a most excellant reputation in all ways so there seems no reason for not letting the whole thing ride, though both Hansen and I are glad to have the information so as to be on the alert to prevent any unpleasantness.

Is it possible that Wernstrom has been an innocent victim of Robertson's sometimes rather violent prejudice? He de Laagerberg seem to be the starting points of the rumours and both of them are a bit inclined to exaggerate in some ways.

Now for another matter. You know the crowd out here are intensely anxious to have the A.N.A. convention on the coast in 1932. So far as I can make out, the northern and southern parts of the state are for the first time since 1849, working together harmoniously in this matter and San Francisco coin collectors are as eager as the Los Angeles bunch. I have promised to write you and urge that you use what influence you have to bring the convention to Los Angeles next year.

Honestly, I think it would be a good scheme. There really are a lot of people interested in numismatics out here but they feel them selves rather left out of everything. It is true that we could hardly expect a very large attendance from the east but there would be a big attendance from the Pacific coast and Rocky Mountain states and I am certain from what I have learned of these people that enough enthusiasm would develope to benefit the A.N.A. later on. If possible let me know your feeling on this as I would like to report your ideas, either favorable or unfavorable at one of our meetings.

Sincerely yours

Arthur G. Newman

ARTHUR CRAWFORD WYMAN
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

July 13th, 1931

My dear Howland:-

In going through my desk just now I found the enclosed letter, written you some time ago and which I thought had been mailed but which, in some way, got mislaid. I hope you will forgive me for the unintentional delay in responding to you.

Things are going along smoothly here except for the fact that I am afraid I am not as good at driving an automobile as I thought I was having had three collisons within a month. None of them were serious, though one just escaped being so, the other car having been completely turned over. Fortunately, no one was hurt and funnily enough, my car absolutely had no mark on it so that the insurance investigators couldn't believe that it was the car that had been in the accident.

Driving out here is no where nearly as well regulated as in the east and the main highways are filled at this time of year crazy drivers and cars so dilapidated and near to collapse as to be a real menace to other traffic. As a matter of fact, I keep off the road as much as possible.

I prepared a simple numismatic questionnaire for the last meeting of the Pacific Coast Society, a copy of which I am enclosing. Naturally the questions were framed to meet the capacity of a majority of our members but even then I did not get very many sets of answers that amounted to much. However, they were all interested and are anxious to have another try again.

If by chance, the '32 convention does come out to the coast, can't you arrange to come also. You really should see some of this country.

Regards to every one at the museum and at home.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur C. Wyman

January 29, 1932.

Mr. Arthur C. Wyman
Los Altos, California.

Dear Arthur:

I have been putting off your letter for a long while. I have been busy for a month or so and will be busy for many more to come on the biggest find of Ceylon larins, numbering about 900 pieces, that has ever been made. You know these are sometimes called "fish hook money".

I have just got a duplicate specimen of a Zanzibar nickel twenty cent piece. I do not have to tell you this is very rare. It cost me a little over $5.00. Do you want it for $5.00? If so, it is yours. Included with this is a half piastre in nickel of Iben Saud of the Nejd.

I would very much like to get out to the coast and I know Mrs. Wood has been hoping to drive out for sometime. I have given it a good deal of thought the past month, as to whether we could do it next summer or not but it looks as if we would have to give it up for several very good reasons.

I understand that Hesslein has disappeared, owing several thousand dollars.

Sincerely yours,

HW:JG

ARTHUR CRAWFORD WYMAN
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

February 6th, 1932.

My dear Howland:-

Of course I will take the coins and my check for ten dollars is enclosed; five for the coins and five for the purchase of foreign coins for the Society's collection.

By this time you will have learned from my letter to Noe that I intend to give the Society my nickel collection but I have always wanted to own the Zanzibar piece and the more good pieces in the collection when I do give it the better for the Society.

Perhaps, as I want to go over it all pretty thouroughly before I do actually send it to you, I will send the patterns, tokens etc. first, as I think more of these will not duplicate what you already have. ~~Also~~ Also, when I do give the collection I would be gratified if it could be put on exhibition as a whole before being distributed into the general collection. As you know, I have valued it at about five hundred dollars, (including patterns etc). This is more than the average cost of the pieces but represents pretty fairly what it would cost in time, energy and price to duplicate it.

I am astounded at the news in regard to Elizabeth. It doesn't seem possible that she is old enough to commit matrimony and I regret her doing so may help in how deciding you not to come to the coast this summer.

By the way, if you ever do drive out, you will find that as you get away from the east, the "auto camps" have so developed as to give excellent accomadations most inexpensively. The ones I mean are now called, out here, "auto courts" and are composed of one and two room cottages or bungalows with heat, hot water, bath and kitchenette. Fully equipped with bedding and kitchen utensils the maximum charge is two fifty a night. If you have your own bedding and pots it is much cheaper.

When I went to Los Angeles recently to a dog show, I stopped at one in Hollywood and found it most comfortable and convenient, and cheap.

ARTHUR CRAWFORD WYMAN
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

On that trip I sold two twelve weeks old wolfhound pups to the movie actor, Victor McLaglen fo a very fair price. Lucky I did because since I came back we have had an epidemic in the kennel and five puppies have died and one or two more don't seem to be responding to treatment properly. We had in all sixteen, in ~~xxx~~ two litters born about twenty four hours apart. There four males and three females in the first lot and eight males and one female in the second.

It has been great fun watching them grow but rather harrowing these last weeks to see the little fellows gradually fade away. Fortunately they have not suffered except in one case and that one I had put away as soon as it was evident that she was uncomfortable.

The big dogs are healthy and strong but Prince, the big male (he weighs a 150 lbs now and stands three feet at the shoulder) detests the puppies and runs away when any of them come near him except for one of his own sons (he is the father of only one litter). This pup is now lame from a slight strain in one leg and he and Prince are good friends and enjoy lying on the bed in my room together.

I meant to say, that when I do give the collection there will be no strings or conditions attached and you can use it in whatever way seems best.

Very truly yours,

Arthur Crawford Wyman

February 10, 1932.

Mr. Arthur C. Wyman
Los Altos California.

Dear Arthur:

Your letter just at hand enclosing a welcome check as it leaves me under the impression you are more affluent than most of my acquaintances. This does not mean a touch but congratulations. Also we have been buying more coins lately than we should. I am glad to know that sometime we will get your nickel collection. If it was anyone but you, I would say hold on to it so as not to lose interest in numismatics but I know that you will keep up your interest just the same and probably will collect coins with animals on them or something else.

The auto camps you speak of our breaking out in the east as well and over all the highways are farm houses with a sign out in front with the word, "Tourists". You can do very well in these places at small expense and in most places they are under state inspection. As I think I said I have not given up the idea entirely but something has got to break in the right way first.

If ever you blow in again to Los Angeles I wish you would look up a friend of mine, in case you have not already met him. He is most enthusiastic over the Society and is terribly interested in decorations. You have just got his monograph on Russian Decorations. In other words, it/Alan E. Hazelton United Costumers, Inc., 6807 Santa Monica Blvd, Hollywood, California.. He is doing his best to boom the convention next summer. He is a good chap and I think you would like him very much.

I am herewith enclosing the two nickel coins.

I am glad to know you sold two pups and trust you will sell some more and also trust they will not have the gitters afterwards. Rush sold two pups to Mrs. Huntington once and they later, through no fault of Rush's, came down with the rickets, which didn't please the H's. I can see where the meat bill for the dog kennels surpasses the meat bill for the household. I trust this meat bill does not come out of Madam's household allowance. If it does, I will have to write her and say that when she gets fed up on this she can have a dog skin coat made. Remember me to Mae. Believe me

Very truly yours,

H:JC

February 29, 1932.

Mr. Arthur C. Wyman
Los Altos,
California.

Dear Arthur:

I am enclosing a clipping from the New York Times of to-day, thinking you might like an extra clipping of your uncle's death.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

ARTHUR CRAWFORD WYMAN
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

March 6th, 1932

My dear Howland:-

Thanks ever so much for the clipping. The San-Francisco papers only had a line or two and the message I received announcing the death gave no details.

In the past day or so I have sent off two small parcels to you by registered mail containing nickel patterns and tokens. I will get more away from time to time as I get around to it. After all the patterns and tokens are gone, I will begin on the coins. As I wrote you these are a gift to the Society, without restrictions, though I would be glad to have them kept by themselves until the whole lot is in your hands. However, feel perfectly at liberty to do whatever suits you best with them. I shall be satisfied. I would like to know though, just how many pieces finally go into the Society's collection.

Do you hear of anyone who has thoughts of coming out this way for the convention? I am afraid conditions are not going to help us toward having much of an Eastern represetation and am a little sorry that Los Angeles did not wait until business had improved before planning to bring the convention onto the Pacific coast. Of course I still hope that you may be able to make it. That would mean more to me than having all the members of A.N.A east of the Mississippi out here.

We had a nice public meeting of our San Francisco bunch last month to celebrate the Washington bi-centennial and I successfully bluffed my way through a short talk on Washington in Numismatics, a subject chosen for me by the committee of arrangements and about which I know as little as any body.

Tell Noe I will return the book as soon as I get a nice big piece of paper to wrap it in properly. At the same time I will send him a check for Belden's opus.

Regards to all.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur C. Wyman

March 16, 1932.

Mr. Arthur C. Wyman
Los Altos, California.

Dear Arthur:

Your two packages, being the first consignment of your nickel collection, came last week just in time for me to report your proposed gift and the initial presentation of your nickel collection to the Society. You will probably within a few days get a letter of thanks from Newell. I have not had time to check these up with ours but will let you know later on how many we did not have and all other pertinent facts that would interest you.

You may or may not remember when you were here of the Order of the Purple Heart that was a valor decoration given by Washington and that a man named Milley up in Boston discovered one on an old Revolutionary uniform in New Hampshire. It was a piece of purple brocade bound around with gold braid sewed to the uniform.

The government has just instituted again this Order but instead of having it a highest reward of merit or valor or at least a high one they have made it about the commonest thing that could possibly be. It is to be given in place of the Silver Citation Star that is worn on a campaign badge to everyone that was wounded, even to the slighest degree, provided an army surgeon looked at him. It is retroactive and everyone in the World War that did not deliberately run away or desert, as near as I can make out, can get one by applying for it. In time of war a Division Commander can give it. Here is some of the wording that goes with the awarding of it:
"is awarded to persons who while serving in the Army of the United States perform any singularly meritorious act of extraordinary fidelity or essential service or is wounded or as a result of an act of such enemy may in the judgment of the Commander authorized to make the award be given this".

For every like act etc. he gets a bronze oak leaf. The only person that I can find who can't get it are those who are dead or were killed.

So far I have not heard of anyone going out to the Convention next summer but then it is too early to find out much. A few more of my dividends have been cut and I feel poorer than ever.

Very truly yours,

:JC

ARTHUR CRAWFORD WYMAN
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

May 9th 1932

Dear Howland:—

In Ebeler's latest catalogue, (unfortunately I have misplaced my copy) I notice a Spanish pattern in nickel. I am enclosing a check for five dollars to buy this piece for the Society. If you fail to get it, use the money to buy some thing else preferably in nickel.

I still hope you will get out to California this summer

Sincerely as ever

Arthur Crawford Wyman

May 14, 1932.

Mr. Arthur Crawford Wyman
Los Altos,
California.

Dear Arthur:

Your letter came too late to get the nickel pattern at Elders. However, I will see what I can do in investing this money for you. On looking up his description I really do not think the piece is pattern but a memorial or death medal. You will note the inscription ends with RIP.

I think theCalifornia trip is absolutely all off. Things have been going slowly last. Most of the rich collectors are out of the market and those that should have money claim they have none.

Very truly yours,

H.:JG

P. S. How are the dogs?

ARTHUR CRAWFORD WYMAN
26 GROVE ST.
NEW YORK CITY

Los Altos, California
July 6th, 1932

My dear Howland:-

At great expenditure of time, effort and money, I have procured for the collection of the American Numismatic Society, the enclosed interesting specimen, which is absolutely, entirely and completely unique in this metal. I know you will appreciate its great value, incomparable chastity of design and important historical interest. And that's that.

Plans for the A.N.A convention seem to be progressing slowly. I understand from Los Angeles that already thirty or more members from the East are expected and, considering general conditions I think that is pretty good. I am planning to drive down from here myself. It is about four hundred and fifty miles and will be my first expedition of that sort and length in the car by myself, though I have, as you know, already made the same trip several times with some one else to share the driving. It is an interesting and very beautiful trip, about a hundred miles being right along the shore. The only part of it I don't like is the crossing of two mountain ranges where the road is very winding and pretty steep and none too

ARTHUR CRAWFORD WYMAN
26 GROVE ST.
NEW YORK CITY

wide.

I think I wrote you some time ago that I had sold two of my puppies, when eleven weeks old, to Victor McLaglen, the movie star. These two have grown (they are now nine months old) into magnificent hounds of great size and are the pride and joy of the whole McLaglen family. Consequently they seem to consider me a person of some importance and knowing I was to be in Los Angeles for the convention have invited me to be their guest at that time. They have a most gorgeous home with swimming pool, tennis courts etc. and if I am not too overcome by the magnificence, I think it will be great fun.

Did I tell you that I have recently sold two puppies to Richard Bennett, father of Constance and Joan Bennett of the movies and showed another to Marlene Deitrich the German star. Unfortunately she did not want a female which was all I had left so that pup had to go to a lesser known actress named Rita Laroy. Now I have only one of the puppies left and won't undertake to breed again for some time.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur C. Wyman

July 12, 1932.

Mr. Arthur C. Wyman
Los Altos, California.

Dear Arthur:

I am glad to hear from you as always. The absolutely unique specimen at hand and it will lie along side its more common and plebeian sister in the tray labeled "Numismatic Societies".

I am going to be more than ever tied up here this summer as my mother is giving me a good deal of worry on account of her mental condition.

Can't you hitch up with somebody going from further north than you to ride down with you to Los Angeles?

I was much interested in your photograph. You, however, instead of looking like Lenin now look like some musical composer or columnist. I can't quite make out which! There is a certain seriousness between your eyes - possibly caused by the worry in keeping your Hound's hair marcelled. I am glad that you have been able to place your foster progeny in good hands. I trust you have the time of your life at the McLaglen household - but stay sober some of the time.

Things are going along here about the same. At the last Elder Sale, a four day one, a wonderful collection of art medals sold for next to nothing. Things worth up to $10.00 brought less than $1.00 etc.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

ARTHUR CRAWFORD WYMAN
26 GROVE ST.
NEW YORK CITY

July 18th, 1932

My dear Howland:-

Glad the unique specimen reached you safely. Today I am sending you the first lot of coins from the nickel collection and the others will follow from time to time. Most of them will probably duplicate a much of what you already have but be, perhaps in better condition or give you dates you now lack. There are two or three proofs in the lot that go off today.

Probably I could get a passenger to go with me to Los Angles but I really want to make the trip alone for several reasons, one being that I want to be independent of any obligation while I am down there as the McLaglen invitation gives me a chance to fry some fish not strictly numismatic. Also I want to take the trip in a very leisurely manner. I have already been over the same five times each way, but always in a terrific hurry. The last time we (a friend from San-Francisco was with me) made the the four hundred and eight miles from the starting point in North Hollywood to my front gate in nine hours and fifty five minutes. This included stops for two meals but was done between nine o-clock at night and seven the next morning, when there was practically no other traffic on the road after midnight. This time I want take it easy and stop at a number of points along the way. I plan to leave here before day break on Friday morning and get into Los Angles around noon Saturday, spending the night at San Luis Obispo on the way.

Terribly sorry to hear about your mother. I know how difficult such a condition makes things.

IssElizabeth planning to be married in August as you wrote she wished to be?

Always yours,

Arthur Crawford Wyman

P.S. I enclose a picture of my sport roadster in which I plan to take the trip. The other trips were in my Ford, as except the first one (before I had the roadster) I was always taking dogs or puppies with me. A.C.W.

July 27, 1932.

Mr. Arthur C. Wyman
Los Altos
California.

Dear Arthur:

Your letter and the first consignment of the real coins in your collection at hand. I have only looked them over but I see we probably will find many we have not got in dates or as good condition.

Here's luck that you have a fine time on your trip south. Elizabeth is still anxious to get married but the fellow hasn't seen his way clear as yet. Our only fear is that both will lose their heads and rush off and do it. I was much interested in the photograph of the sport roadster and the dogs. I did not see you in the car at first.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

August 10, 1932.

Mr. Arthur C. Wyman
R. F. D. 1, Box 749
Los Altos, Calif.

Dear Arthur:

I have just returned from the funeral of Reg. Mabree. He is another soldier that was gassed and his lungs finally gave out. He has been two or three years in a veterans' hospital. You may remember he was in Paris when you were there and I quizzed you at length about he and Susie.

If you contemplate sending any more nickel coins on in the immediate future could you not send another batch before the second Friday in September as a Council meeting is then and I would like to make as good a report as possible.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

ARTHUR CRAWFORD WYMAN
26 GROVE ST.
NEW YORK CITY

August 12th, 1932

My dear Howland:-

It is just possible that you have not yet received the new Washington quarter from the San Francisco mint so I am enclosing one, hoping it will reach you in time to prove a novelty.

This reminds me of something I meant to ask you some time ago. I notice that a large part of the coins in circulation out here are from the Denver and San Francisco mints. You might send me list of the S. and D. mint coins of recent years that you lack and I might be able to pick some of them up in good condition from circulation. Of course you know that silver is used much more out here than in the east, half dollars especially and one dollar bills are seldom seen except when you ask for them at the bank.

Last evening I went to a little dinner given in San Francisco by Farran Zerbe for the members of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society. It was a pleasant affair and I enjoyed seeing some one from the east.

Sincerely yours,

Coin in new addition drawer

August 17, 1932.

Mr. Arthur Crawford Wyman
Los Altos,
California.

Dear Arthur:

Many thanks for the San Francisco Washington quarter. This is the first one I have seen and I am glad to get it. I am only in on Wednesdays but I have left your letter so that Robertson can check up any silver coins of the S & D mints we lack and we lack most of them in recent years.

I hope you had a good talk with Farran Zerbe. I see him once or twice a month during the winter. I forget whether I wrote you I have sent on our travelling exhibit to the convention.

Very truly yours,

HM:JG

C

August 18, 1932.

Mr. Arthur Crawford Wyman
Los Altos, California.

Dear Mr. Wyman:

The Society's collection lacks the following S and D mint pieces:

DIMES: 1885S, 1886S, 1888S, 1889S, 1912S, 1914S, 1915S, 1919S, 1920S, 1923S, 1925D, 1925S, 1926D, 1926S, 1927D, 1927S, 1928D, 1928S.

QUARTER DOLLARS: 1912S, 1912S, 1914S, 1915S, 1917D with stars at sides, 1917D with stars at sides and below, 1918S, 1919D, 1919S, 1920D, 1920S, 1924D, 1924S, 1926D, 1926S, 1927D, 1927S, 1928D, 1928S.

HALF DOLLARS: 1901S, 1902S, 1903S, 1904S, 1912S, 1914S, 1915D, 1915S, 1916D, 1919D, 1919S, 1920D, 1920S.

We have not listed any of the pieces we lack dated before the 80's as you would not be likely to pick any of these up in circulation.

Very truly yours,

RR:JG

Assistant Curator

Los Altos, California
August twenty-ninth,

My dear Howland:-

Arrived home safely last Friday evening having made just nine hundred and forty miles since leaving home the previous Friday morning. Eight hundred and sixty of this was in the two trips, that is to and from Los Angeles, so you can see I did not do much driving while I was down there. As a matter of fact, I avoided driving in Los Angeles as much as possible as I do not like city driving and also have not yet learned my way around that town.

The convention though meagerly attended, as was expected was a very successful gathering. Owing to the fact that the McLaglen's had made rather more arrangements for my entertainment than I had expected, I was not able to take in any of the expeditions arranged for us and I had start home before the banquet. I was very faithful in my attendance at the business sessions. Of course I met your friend Hazelton and found him all you had said and a very loyal and devoted admirer of you and the A. N. S. In this connection, I might say that he is extremely anxious to be a fellow of the Society but has been too modest to make his feelings known. I have forgotten the exact procedure in regard to bringing the names of prospective fellows before the council but if it is in order, I would like very much to propose his name for any vacancy that may occur in the fellowship.

Robertson has sent me a list of lacking S and D mint coins and I will see what I can pick up in circulation. Give my regards to Robertson.

In the next two or three days I will get off a large package of nickel coins for you to have in hand by the second friday of September and will drop you another line when the are dispatched.

Regards to all and expecially yourself,

Arthur Crawford Hyman

September third,

My dear Howland:-

I sent off this afternoon a package con- about 330 nickel coins which apparently concludes the nickel collection. I have not had the chance to check these over as might have done but I am pretty sure that there are no duplicates among any of those I have sent you so if any appear to be duplicates, look them over pretty carefully. I think you will always find some slight variance other than dates. If I recollect correctly, in the Jamaica series of Victoria there is an apparent duplication in type but these were included in the collection because there was a change in the alloy used. As the two different alloys were never used in the same year, even in these pieces there will be a difference in dates. I will also send you in a few days the rough catalogue of nickel coins of the world up to the time I left New York together with some notes on nickel coinages. I don't think I will give this to the Society, as I may want to use it sometime again myself but you can keep it (if you find it of any use) until I do want it.

Farran Zerbe told me that one of your daughters, I presume it is Sylvia, is collecting match covers like those inclosed. I gave him several which I got hold off in Los Angeles and Hollywood which differed from those he had and am sending this bunch along. I don' t know what the technique of this form of collecting is. Is there any advantage in uncirculated specimens? Also does a collector desire duplicates for swapping purposes?

After ~~xxx~~ my successful drive to Los Angeles I am beginning to think seriously of a trans-con- ~~xxxxxxxx~~ tinental trip. If it can possible be done, I want to try it next spring.

Let me know when you have the chance just how the nickel collection works in to the Society's collections. I hope it does not duplicate too much.

Very sincerely yours,

Arthur Crawford Hayman

(Over)

I have not sent you the Zanzibar and Hejaz pieces because I understood you already had them. I have had an offer for them out here and I had thought I might sell them and let you have the cash. I will not do so until I hear from you that they are already in the A.N.S. cabinet. In fact I may not do so anyway as the offer is not very positive as yet and you might do better with them in New York.

September 5, 1932.

Mr. Arthur Wyman
Los Altos, California.

Dear Wyman:

Your letter just at hand as well as one from Hazelton. From what you both say I should judge you hit it off very well together. He certainly is most enthusiastic. Noe will write Hazelton asking him if he desires to become a fellow. On receipt of his letter he will probably be made one, as there are a number of vacancies in this list.

Something in Hazelton's letter made me think that you might be able to use the traveling exhibit in San Francisco. If so, let me know the details and I will take steps to have it transferred. I suppose it will stay in Los Angeles for a short while.

Very truly yours,

WN:JG

P. S. I wonder if you left too early, because I understand that you were going to meet some mysterious female! Did you do so?

September twelfth
Nineteen-thirty-two

My dear Howland:-

Your letter asking about the chance for the loan exhibition in San Francisco received yesterday. Harvey Hansen, the secretary of our San Francisco club and I talked over the possibilities when we were in Los Angles and agreed to bring the matter up at the next meeting of our club, which will be the last Wednesday of this month. Until then I do not think anything can be done. Our principal difficulty here will be to get a suitable place for display. Our little club has no where near influential membership that the Los Angeles club has and no can not pull the wires it can. Also our membership is really split in three sections, for San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley, which are three very seperate and distinct communities even though so close to each other. Still I think we shall be able to do something and will let you know further after the next meeting.

I liked Hazleton a lot and wish I might have seen more of him. As to the mysterious lady, she furnished a subject for a lot of kidding, though the actual facts were not so very romantic. She was interested in Irish wolfhounds not in me. I don't know if I ever told you, but I bought my big male dog from the Cragwood Kennels in Virginia. Mrs. Norwood Smith who owns those kennels came originally from this part of the country and a while ago she returned here bringing her dogs with her. She now lives about ten miles from me and we get together occasionally to talk dogs. When I was going south Mrs. Smith gave me the name of a Mrs. Baker in Hollywood who had written to enquire the price of a puppy and asked me to look her up and see if she really was intending to buy. I called her up and was asked to come out and tell my story. Unfortunately the Baker home was about twenty miles from anywhere and my car was laid up for repairs for the day, so I asked her to come into the the hotel and see me there. She sounded young and attractive over the 'phone and we had a bit of fun as to how we would identify each other. She proved young and attractive also but like a wise little girl brought her husband along. He is a minor movie actor and a very nice chap and that's that. Incidentally I think I sold the pup, though the deal is not yet complete.

Glad to have the machinery in motion to make Hazleton a fellow. He is enthusiastic in way that I think will be lasting. I wish the society had more members out here. On account of the Wernstrom angle, I have not said anything to the other San-Franciscans about joining.

Hope the nickel coins reached you in time. I did not realize that the second Friday in the month came so early and delayed a little in getting them off but they should have reached you in good season to be reported.

As ever, yours sincerely,

Arthur Crawford Hayman

September 13, 1932.

Mr. Arthur Crawford Wyman
Los Altos, California.

Dear Arthur:

Your letter and the package of nickel coins just at hand. From this last lot we picked out 103 that we did not have and possibly improved our collection by as many more. Of the previous two lots sent I have mislaid my record of what we have kept but I think easily it would be about the same proportion.

Sylvia for over a year has been collecting match covers and has now several thousand. They have grown so that we restricted ourselves to the Mexican and foreign ones and the most attractive in design ore coloring of the United States coins. In other words, those that are simply printed without any special design we are no longer interested in. Very thanks for those you sent on, all of the type we do collect and all were different from ours except one. We do not care for them with the matches in as that makes a fire hazard, nor is we look for duplicates because we are pretty nearly swamped with the collection as it is. I hope you will give serious thought to traveling east next year. Hazelton apparently drives east about once a year and you might chew it over with him. We are still in the country but will probably move to town next week. Sylvia is still in high school and Elizabeth is studying nursery kindergarten at the Ethical Culture School.

As you surmised we already had the Zanzibar and Hejaz pieces and you might as well get a good price for them if you can.

Very truly yours,

M.:JG

September 19, 1932.

Mr. Arthur Crawford Wyman
Los Altos
California.

Dear Arthur:

As regards the exhibition I think you recall that they must be shown in some absolutely safe place such as a museum or library. If in a reasonable time you are unable to locate any place drop Hazelton a line saying he can send them back to me when through with them. I inadvertently misled you about the Council meeting. It has been postponed to October. However, I will make a nice report then to the Council and if Mayor Walker had still been in you would probably have been given the golden keys of the City of New York but with the new acting Mayor they are giving nothing away.

Very truly yours,

JW:JG

Los Altos, California
October 7th, 1932

My dear Howland:-

I enclose a copy of a letter just written which is self explanatory. However I want to give you a little further information. The de Young Memorial Museum is one of the two municipal museums in San Francisco, the other being the Palace of the Legion of Honor. Mr. Rollins is the director of both.

The de Young Museum is housed in a very modern and up to date building in Golden Gate Park. It has a large and apparently efficient staff with plenty of attendants and special police to give adequate protection to anything in the building.

I have agreed to give a talk on the A.N.S. collection one afternoon during the month that it is to be on display. I wish you would send me any "dope" that you think would assist me in discussing it, especially on the Greek and Oriental sections. I can handle the rest I think though would be glad of any suggestions.

Recently I have seen two reviews of a newly published life of Nur Mahal, the wife of Jehangir. Both of them, apparently quoting from the book, stated that Nur Mahal had coins struck with her portrait upon them. Is this correct? I know there were coins issued in her name but did any of them have her portrait?

Do you think it necessary to carry any insurance on your collection while it is in the de Young Museum? Let me know promptly if you do and I will arrange for it though I don't myself think it Necessary.

Thats all for the present.

As always,

Arthur Crawford Hyneman

Los Altos, California,
October seventh,
Nineteen Thirty-two.

Lloyd L. Rollins, Esq.,
Director of the de Young Memorial Museum,
Golden Gate Park,
San Francisco, California.

My dear Mr. Rollins:-

As suggested in our talk yesterday, I am now writing to confirm the arrangements made verbally.day

It is understood that I, acting for the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society, shall have the Lean Collection of the American Numismatic Society placed in the de Young Museum for exhibition during the month of November next. The de Young Museum will furnish suitable cases for the collection and make such other arrangements as our necessary for its adequate display.

It is further understood that the de Young Museum shall be under no expense either in regard to the transportation of the collection from Los Angeles where it now is or to New York where it is to be returned when the exhibition is over. Such expense will be borne by the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society or by myself personally.

I am writing today to Mr. Alan V. Hazleton of 1343 Warner Avenue, West Los Angeles, who now has the collection in his possession, asking him to shi it to you. I shall direct that it be addressed to you personally at the museum and that it be sent by express, fully insured, collect. Upon its arrival, please let me know the amount of the charges and I will reimburse you immediately.

When you are ready to place the collection in the cases I shall be glad to come up to San Francisco and assist.

Very truly yours,

(Arthur Crawford Lyman)
President, Pacific Coast Numismatic
Society

October 10, 1932.

Mr. Arthur Crawford Wyman
Los Altos, California.

Dear Arthur:

I am on my way down town to attend the Morosini sale so this will be very breif. I have just written Hazelton to send the traveling exhibit as per your instructions. As for the dope I am afraid I cannot give you much. I will get off to you in a day or so photographs of the exhibit with the labels underneath which may help you.

As for Nur Mahal, coins were stnuck in her name but no coins are known with her portrait and it is extremely unlikely that ever any were made.

As for insurance, nearly all museums have a blanket insurance for just that purpose and the museum ought to automatically look after this as they must probably dowwith all loan exhibits. It should be insured for at least $2000.00. Will write you again later.

Very truly yours,

HC:JC

October 13, 1932.

Mr. Arthur C. Wyman
Los Altos, California.

Dear Arthur:

As I promised you the other day I am sending you our photographs of the traveling exhibit which please see that I get back in due time, as they are my record. You will note that on these photographs it gives the outline for each century as well as the caption under the coin.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

October 27th, 1932.

My dear Howland:-

The collection arrived safely from Los Angeles and I spent yesterday afternoon at the de Young Museum arranging it in the cases. Hazleton had gotten some of the pieces mixed in packing, that is he had put a few coins in the wrong envelopes. His mistakes were all among the byzantine gold and the mediaeval deniers. Fortunately, with my profound numismatic knowledge and the photographs, I was able to get the errors straightened out, but I ran into a minor difficulty in connec- with the labels. There was in the box one set of individual labels on grey paper. As the museum had furnish- black velvet to place the coins on I thought that the grey labels would look better than the tan, so opened this package for use instead of the tan ones which had been used in Los Angeles and which had been packed so loosely as to get pretty badly jumbled. Everything went along nicely until I got to Row 20, Coins 6,7,8 & 9. For these pieces there were no grey labels but instead the four labels which I enclose. According to the photo these four coins are as follows:-

Row 20, 6:- GENOA
Doge, Boccanegra
Grosso

7:- TEUTONIC ORDER
Type of Schilling issued
in East Prussia

8:- TREVES
Gold Gulden struck
by the Archbishops

9:- BYZANTIUM
Andronicus II and Michael IX
Nomisma

This was also was the way the envelopes read. I noticed this just as I was preparing to leave to keep an [illegible] [illegible] the coins [illegible] envelopes corresponded and that the error was in the labels. I found tan labels for these four pieces and put them in but it rather spoiled the effect. If you have the correct labels on grey will you send them by air mail. Other-

wise I will have to go to San Francisco again and change all the labels to tan.

Send direct to

Lloyd L. Rollins, Director
De Young Memorial Museum
Golden Gate Park
San Francisco
California

I will arrange by telephone for the labels to be changed.

As a set of photos was with the coins, I will send back the ones you sent me in a few days but am keeping them at hand just now to serve as a guide in preparing my few remarks which are to be made at 3 p.m. on November 11th. I hope I have your prayers. I have talked before on coins and coin collecting but this my first effort on NUMISMATICS.

What happened at the Morosini sale. Did the Society get anything.

As ever sincerely,

Arthur Crawford Hyneman

October 29, 1932.

Mr. Arthur C. Wyman
Los Altos, California.

Dear Arthur:

Your letter just at hand and I have just sent off to Rollins the four labels you asked for. I am sorry this mix-up occurred. Fortunately we have a good stock of these labels. I hope you will deliver the goods and make an interesting talk on the coins.

The Morosini sale, considering the times, went off very good. It brought over $20,000.00. Schulman bought a large percent of the pieces. The very rare pieces sold at good prices with but a few exceptions. The common pieces or those of which there were too many in the sale went dirt cheap, for the most part. A few things were slaughtered but as everyone was expecting a general slaughter I consider on the whole the results were very fair.

Very truly yours,

H:JG

C

ARTHUR CRAWFORD WYMAN
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

November 13th, 1932

My dear Howland:-

The "lecture" delivered by myself at the de Young Museum came off without serious damage to the audience or myself. The crowd was not large, indeed, it must truthfully be called small, but it seemed interested and no one walked out on me.

The collection has been receiving a good deal of publicity, a sample of which from the San Francisco Chronicle, I enclose. As might be expected this publicity has brought a number of requests to me to look at "old and valuable" coins. To my surprise the first batch brought to me included a "stella", some California private gold, a 1799 cent (poor), a fine "Tribute penny" and a pretty good "Judea Capta" large bronze and some other fair pieces. On the whole it was a rather unusual lot to be in the hands of a man who knew nothing at all about coins but had received these pieces from an elderly uncle.

The next lot was junk except for a Gobrecht dollar (one of commoner varieties) and two or three rather nice republican denarii.

After that I was shown a bunch of stuff collected by a former missionary in Turkey, mostly Greek Imperial from the Antioch mint, but with some earlier Greek silver that might have been important but that it was in such rotten condition.

I now have an appointment for tomorrow to see a man who has a Confederate half dollar, and another appointment later in the month to look at a collection in San Francisco which is said to contain several hundred Greek, Roman and Jewish coins. It was formed by a Rabbi in Europe and brought to this country thirty or forty years ago, being finally purchased by a Mr. Selig who has since died and left it in the possession of his widow.

Incidentally I have been asked by the de Young Museum to look over the coins which have been given to it from time to time and see if some sort of exhibit can be made up for permanent display. Now the coins are all carefully stored away in the basement, perfectly safe from harm.

All of which means that there is a mild epidemic of numismatic activity stirring on this section of the Pacific Coast.

ARTHUR CRAWFORD WYMAN
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

As soon as the collection arrived from Los Angeles I had it insured for $2,000 while on display in the Museum and during its transit back to New York afterwards. This policy was secured by Harvey Hansen, who has taken to insurance since the "depression" deprived him of his regular job with the California Packing Company. He said it was the only form of Policy available, but I was not satisfied with it because it was a blanket insurance only covering loss of the entire collection and did not make provision for the loss of single pieces. Not only that, the policy specifically did not insure against "pilfering" which seemed to me might be the greatest risk. Therefor I made some inquiries myself and now have taken out another policy insuring each individual coin. To do this I had to file a inventory of the collection with a valuation for each piece. I made this up from the valuations given on the envelopes. As some of these seemed a little low ~~to~~ (they did not total $2000.00) I appended a note saying that the values given were ten to twenty per cent less that it would cost to replace the coins and am having that included in the coverage. This policy itself, I have not yet received, but I have paid the premium and and the coverage is in force.

Unless I receive contrary instructions from you I shall hold the policies here until the exhibit is sent east and then shall mail them to you. The exhibit itself will be sent as soon after the first of December as I can get it packed and away.

As usual yours sincerely,

Arthur Crawford Wyman

November 21, 1932.

Mr. Arthur Crawford Wyman
Los Altos, California.

Dear Arthur:

I am glad to know that your lecture went off, although not very many heads were involved. Judging from the coins that have been brought into you I should judge the pickings out west are decidedly better than the pickings east. We haven't seen anything really good brought in over the counter for a long while, although we have been buying more or less small European silver and copper from the middle ages up that we do not have; none however could be called rare. I suppose your Confederate half dollar turned out to be a restrike. I am sorry you have had to go to so much trouble about the insurance. I thought the DeYoung Museum might carry a blanket insurance on all stuff loaned to them, as most museums do. At the time I made up this exhibit I valued many of the coins too low and have been meaning to change the valuations but never did. I take it when you say that you will send the policies on when you send the exhibition that the policies run for a longer period than sometime in December, or is it a case of covering transit back here. However, whatever it may be I want to thank you for looking after this matter. We probably will keep the exhibit here when it is returned as I will have released by the end of the year six cases that used to contain this exhibit. The cases are now filled with the Washington exhibit. Again, thanking you I remain

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

ARTHUR CRAWFORD WYMAN
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

November 23rd, 1932

My dear Howland:-

I am sending off to you today another package of nickel and near nickel pieces. In some way this lot, except for some odds and ends which I have included had gotten seperated from the rest of the collection and I thought it had already gone to you. Most of it seems to be Danis. West Indian and probably duplicates what you already have but if it does, perhaps you can sell it and get something else.

When you get a chance, let me know how the nickel collection worked in with yours. Also I would like to know just how many pieces, including this last lot, I have sent you.

Hope you all have apleasant Thanksgiving.

Always sincerely yours,

Arthur Crawford Wyman

November 30, 1932.

Mr. Arthur C. Wyman
Los Altos
California.

Dear Arthur:

Your last lot came this morning and I have looked them over and out of the 103 we picked out 56 we do not have. According to my books you have sent on 660; out of these we have kept 268 or thereabouts. Robertson, who put them away, did not keep very strict record. Besides these, there were a number of improvements.

Let us know how your dogs are getting along. I do not mean your feet!

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

ARTHUR CRAWFORD WYMAN
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

December 10th, 1932

My dear Howland:-

Enclosed are the insurance documents relating to the Loan Exhibit which I have sent off to you this afternoon. Also the express company receipt for for the same.

I meant to tell you previously that after I had received the for additional labels from you to the replace the ones I thought were missing, I found that I had merely made a mistake myself and that the labels were all right so again I am back in my old position of being unable to catch you in an error.

Very truly yours,

Arthur Crawford Wyman

ARTHUR CRAWFORD WYMAN
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

Dec. 14th, 1932

My dear Howland:-

In some way the enclosed letter and papers were not mailed to you as I thought they had been and I am sending them along now by air mail. I hope the delay won't be serious.

We are all out of step here on account of a cold snap that makes me think I better come back East to get warm. For three nights the temperature has been below freezing, an absolutely unheard of condition in this section. All our water pipes froze up, the main water line burst and both my cars were temporarily out of commission. In addition we had a two inch fall of snow.

I just received a catalogue of Elder's next sale. If you are going to the sale I wish you would buy #427 and either 736 or 1194, the former preferably if, as the catalogue indicates, it is in the better condition. I am not giving you a limit on these lots but of course I don't want to pay an exhorbitant price though I am rather anxious to get them and so would pay liberally. If you don't go to the sale can you get someone else to bid on them. In that case, of course, you might place some limit on the bids.

I presided last night for the last time at the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society. My term of office is over and I decided that I did not want to be re-elected for a number of reasons.

Very truly yours,

Arthur Crawford Wyman

December 22, 1932.

Mr. Arthur C. Wyman
Los Altos
California.

Dear Arthur:

The travelling exhibit came to hand several days ago while I was in Boston. I should have acknowledged this sooner. Your letter also just at hand enclosing the insurance records etc.

As for the sale, I am not going, neither is Newell, nor as yet have I found anyone who is. If I do Lot 736 ought to bring about $4.00 and Lot 1194 between $6.00 and $7.00. I will make a try to get these if I can find anyone going. I have not as yet resumed diplomatic relations or commercial relations with Elder. As for Lot 427 Newell has a number of these in duplicate which he would sell for $1.00. This piece does not have Cleopatra's head but the head of Ptolemy.

Very truly yours,

H:AC

December 28, 1932.

Mr. Arthur Crawford Wyman
Los Altos, California.

Dear Arthur:

As I wrote you the other day I had my doubts about fulfilling your bids for Elder's sale. I gave them to Kelland as he thought he might be there. As a matter of fact he did not go to either session. Therefore, I drew a blank for you - I am sorry. The Cleopatra coin as I wrote you I can get for you any time from Newell.

We received your Christmas card and noted the dogs especially. Wishing you all the benefits possible for the coming year I remain,

Very truly yours,

W:JG

ARTHUR CRAWFORD WYMAN
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

February 6th, 1933

My dear Howland:-

As an experiment, (not altogether satisfactory in its result) I sent a few bids into Elder direct, for his last sale, Jan, 20th & 21st.

Among the pieces I received, are the two of which I enclose a rough rubbing. Can you tell me anything about them? I have some very vague recollection about the rupee, which it seems to me I have seen before but I can not place the other piece at all. Elder catalogued it as of (Lot 895) as of Lamberg but I can't find there ever was such a place. At first I thought it was an error for Limberg or Lemberg, but the piece does not fit either of those according to the little reference that I have available here. Now it seems to me that ~~the~~ it is the name of the prelate by whose authority or in whose honor it was struck and may be either de Lamberg or Delamberg, in the former case certaily suggesting a French origin although the S. R. I. in the reverse inscription suggests otherwise. Of course it may be from some of the border territorie of th Empire where French names would not be unlikely.

A planchet defect makes the reverse inscription a little uncertain. Apparently it is DG. EP-PATAV. S. R. I. PRINCEPS. I have put the dash in to represent the defect. I don't think there is a missing letter but the spacing indicates that there might have been a punctuation mark. I think it should read EP. PATAV. But that doesn't help because the only thing I can find that comes anywhere near fitting is Passau where there was an episcopal coinage.

On either side of the ornamental bottom of the shield are the very small letters .I.M. and .F. and under the bust SEIZ.

I will appreciate any information you can give me about either of these pieces.

I am hurrying to get this into the mail so no more now.

Always sincerely,

Arthur Crawford Wyman

February 14, 1933.

Mr. Arthur C. Wyman
Los Altos
California.

Dear Arthur:

The East India Company piece is simply a medal. They come in silver and copper and I think a few were made in gold, Although I have seen these several times and we have the copper one here I do not have it labelled nor at the present moment can I put my finger on its attribution. I think it was gotten out in the early days, say around 1800, for one of the Governor Generals.

The German piece was struck at Passau by Johann Philipp Graf Von Lamberg 1689-1712, Reimmann 27[illegible]. It is worth anywhere from $3.00 to $[illegible].00. Funny thing we do not happen to have this piece.

Trusting you are well and enjoying yourself and that your dogs are not eating you out of house and home, I remain

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

ARTHUR CRAWFORD WYMAN
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

May 3rd, 1933

My dear Howland:-

I am enclosing the silver piece I once wrote you asking about as a gift to the Museum. I bought it at one of Elder's auctions for $4.50 which I think is too much. He catalogued it as a pattern rupee of French India and stated the head to be that of General Martin. There was a French General Francois Martin who was, I believe, the founder of Pondicherry.

Some weeks ago I was asked to look at a collection of coins formed in Judea by a man who had spent many years there, either as a missionary or in the consular service I think. Generally speaking the collection was just about what might be expected except that the owner had evidently been some thing of a student as most of the pieces were correctly attributed with references to Cohen, Madden, Poole etc. I had looked over about half of them when I came across a half shekal in so much better condition than the rest that I laid it aside to look at more carefully later. At first glance I had seen nothing noticeably suspicious about it but, of course, I am not very familiar with such pieces. A little later I came across apackage containing five or six more half shekals, also in fine condition. This was a little too much and I refused to commit myself about the lot, suggesting to the woman who owned them that she send the lot, together with some other pieces which I picked to Mr. Newall for his opinion. I wonder if she ever did so? She said she would. If she did send them would let me know what Newall's opinion was.

Also, I want to get a reasonbly good tetradrachm of Alexander the Great and one of the earliest silver ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ staters of Aegina. If you can pick either of these up for me I wish you would do so.

I have just returned from another trip to Los Angeles. I had lunch with Hazelton and also spent an evening at his home. He is certainly a peach and we had a fine time together. The rest of my trip down there was devoted to inspecting Irish wolfhounds in the moving picture colony. The six of my puppies now down there have stirred up considerable interest and eventually I make a little money out of the damn ani-

mals. Incidentally the pair I sold Richard Bennett are now, themselves, the parents of a small family of four promising looking pups two months old. May says that makes me a great grandfather.

I do wish you could get out here sometime. Why not try it this summer?

The other day I bought a very good 1795 ten dollar gold piece and an aureus of Julius Caesar, also very good, the one with the young veiled head of Piety, for $42.50. Not bad I think? You may wonder what I am showing such a diversified taste for. I have an idea in the back of my head that I am working out and will tell it all to you in another letter when it has progressed a little farther.

for the time being

How is Farran Zerbe? We hear that he has been quite ill. I got to know him much better during his visit here last summer and became very fond of him, so his sickness now worries me as I am afraid he has not much reserve strength.

Here is a laugh. I have just been elected Treasurer of the Los Altos Chamber of Commerce!!! As Los Altos has about five business establishments not all of which are represented in the Chamber of Commerce you can get some idea what an important position it is. However, these California Chambers of Commerce are very much on the alert to boom the state and I get a certain kick out of it all.

Best regards to you, your family and all the staff at the museum.(Including Ruch)

Ever yours,

Arthur Sanford Hayward

May 6th, 1933

My dear Howland:-

I am sending you today, under seperate cover, registered, a package of ~~eight~~ seven coins regarding which I want some help in attribution. Unfortunately There are no books out here available to assist me with these pieces. In regard to the three Roman colonial coins, I want to know the mints from which the come. Also what is the denomination of the Trajan piece and the copper one of Nero?

The coin of Justin, only bothers me because I have no references to indicate whether it is of Justin I or II. Is it possible to determine in whose reigns the two Egyptian pieces were issued? And who is portrayed on the smaller one?.

I am enclosing herewith the notes received with the Mohammadan coin which are probably correct just for you to check.

Just after posting my recent letter to you I received a letter from Newell giving me the information about the coins sent him from San Jose for which I asked you.

Another coin which I would like to have you pick up for me if it is not too much trouble is a Spanish Pillar Dollar. What I am trying to do is to get together a small representative collection of coins of all periods and places. Something like the Society's Loan exhibition on a less elaborate scale and with a little more attention to popular interest and especially to U. S. coins. I have some indication that I could rent such a collection for display purposes from time to time and perhaps make a little money out of it if I get it together without too much expense. The American coins I can pick up out here without much difficulty, but it is harder to get the others and and I have not had much luck, either in buying at auction by mail or in purchase from the fixed price lists of dealers. All of them so overestimate the condition of the coins they offer. However, time and patience will bring the desired result.

I have afeeling that, while the course of nature and the present administration together may bring us out of the depression it is well to work up a small source of income not dependent upon investments in bonds, as any inflation, however much it may stimulate business and commerce is going to be hard on fixed incomes. It is no use worrying about it all and financially, I am becoming very much of a fatalist.

Sincerely yours as ever,

Arthur C. Hasman

P. S. A member of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society, Mr. Wilson, is to be in New York shortly. He is solemn, serious sort of a chap but very nice. I have told him to look you up and will appreciate anything you can do for him to make his visit to the big city numismatically interesting.

May 17, 1933.

Mr. Arthur C. Wyman
Los Altos, California.

Dear Arthur:

Please pardon the delay in answering your two letters. Many thanks for the silver piece. I have written to the British Museum to give me what dope they have on it.

Under separate cover I am returning to you the coins. I had Newell attribute them. The Mohammedan coin is of an historic personage, that is Saladin, who exhausted the crusaders. Also in the package are four Aegina staters, the prices rangeing from $3.00 to $8.00. None are in perfect condition but as you wanted an early one, though these are not possibly the earliest, it is impossible to get them perfect, or rather I should say if you do you have got to pay big money. Also, I am enclosing one of Alexander the Great.

I had the other day a long letter from Hazelton. You two seem to be getting along famously. Also you seem to have made your impression in the Irish wolfhound world. I should judge that it is no easy job to raise them.

As for getting out to the coast, this will have to be deferred, both for lack of time and money. The reason for these two obstacles is largely this. I had to go to the hospital for another operation where they kept me four weeks. I am virtually just back to work and as I was out over six weeks I have got too much to do; also going to a hospital costs something.

I had had an inkling, either from you or Hazelton, of your idea of a traveling exhibit. I will try to keep you in mind with odd pieces, as it is really odd and historical pieces that will make the most appeal. You might write H. D. Gibbs, 1400 Belasco Ave., Beachview, Pittsburgh, Pa. who might have some duplicate odd pieces, especially in the Oriental series. With this you could do just as Zerbe did, start small and keep adding from the opportunities offered you as the things are shown. He got a large number of things that way. Of course he laid quite a stress with paper money on account of his bank affiliations. This you may or may not do. Zerbe by the way seems in pretty good shape. For a while this winter he was laid up more or less with indigestion or some kindred subject. I see him at the club meetings and now and then at his exhibit. It certainly

is a laugh about your being treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce. What are your business affiliations - wolfhounds or numismatics? Or is it because you represent nothing that you were made treasurer.

Things have been going along slowly here this winter; not so much from lack of money as being afraid to use up our resources. Newell has been in Atlantic City all winter so we have seen him only now and then. Noe is his us al self, though, as you know, a little toned down since his marriage. His children, although young, are beginning to make him knit his brow as to how he will keep them in check as they grow up. They are extremely lively and precocious. In other words, as time goes on he, whether he wants to or not, will begin to realize that he belongs to another world, not abreast of the present day trends.

Spanish pillar dollars are common enough but we haven't a duplicate just now. The next one I see I will try to send you.

So far Mr. Wilson has not shown up. At the present moment the museum is closed to the public but anyone really wanting to get in can do so by ringing the bell. This you can tell anyone who is planning to come east.

Please excuse me for not writing a longer or better letter but I have naturally a lot of back correspondence to attend to.

Very sincerely,

HW:JG

Sent the following cosmo
of Neuville & Wyman
on approval May 17

Alaf letter 2 oz

Oregon stamp 3 oz
8 oz
3 oz
5 oz

ARTHUR CRAWFORD WYMAN
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

July 4th, 1933

Dear Howland:-

I am sorry to be so long in answering about the coins you sent but one thing and another has delayed my getting around to it. First, I must explain that the four staters had broken out of their respective envelopes when the package reached here and so I could not tell which price went with which coin. However I assumed that the best piece was the $800 one, the next best the $5.00 and the poorer two the $3.00 ones. I have kept the best and one of the poor ones and am returning the others under seperate cover.

On the assumption that I am right about the prices, I am enclosing my check for $13.00 ($11.00 for the two staters and $2.00 for the Alexander tetradrachm). If this is not correct, let me know.

Since writing you I have picked up a very fine Pillar Dollar so won't need another. I also bought from Bolenders recent auction, an early British gold stater (one the type having a blank reverse and a disintegrated horse on the obverse) in excellent condition. This stood me just $7.53 including postage etc. How near right is that price?

What I do want now is Venetian gold ducat, preferably 15th or early 16th century, (I want to tie it up with Shylock's "My daughter, my ducats" so it ought to be somewhere near contemporaneous) an Athenian silver piece of the 4th century B. C. and one or two later Greek pieces from the better known Greek cities. Also I would like a piece of Continental Currency, two or three pieces of Colonial copper (different) and perhaps half a dozen civil war tokens. All to be in reasonably good condition and cheap.

I need too some representative pieces for the 14th and 15th centuries A. D. I have a nice penny of William the Conqueror and ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ 13th century bracteate of Quedlingburg but nothing else of western Europe until I come to my Joachimstaler (one of the undated variety) which I also got from Bolender.

The Pacific Coast Numismatic Society is all hot and bothered just now about plans for a Far Western Numismatic Conference in San Francisco during October.

I am trying to get my new exhibition collection in some sort of shape for that and hope to make a pretty interesting showing.

Incidentally, I have had to acknowledge the slow (?) approach of old age and have all the rest of my few remaining teeth out. I am waiting now for the healing and shrinking necessary before getting plates and am keeping pretty closely confined to the house but hope soon to have a full set of new and not too clicking ivory.

The dogs seem to need some attention just now so I'll stop this letter and try again some other time.

As ever,

Oliver Langdon Norton

August 1, 1933.

Mr. Arthur Crawford Wyman
Los Altos
California.

Dear Arthur:

Your letter of July 4th remained unanswered for three reasons. One, it has been too hot; two, I haven't been here all of the time, and three, I was waiting to see Newell. Newell says the amount sent is all right and that you kept the proper pieces. I have made a note to be on the lookout for a Venetian gold ducat. As you well know these are common enough but when you are looking for them they are very coy and elusive. Newell was to pick out the Athenian and other coins but so far has not done so.Although we have had duplicates of Continental currency I have none just at the present moment but I can get you a Connecticut cent as we have plenty. I will be leaving in about ten days for about a month's vacation. The past few days have been extremely hot here - the thermometer was 101 in the shade yesterday. I understand that you have been having it much cooler on the coast.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

August 10, 1933.

Mr. Arthur Crawford Wyman
Los Altos
California.

Dear Arthur:

We have got together, that is Newell and myself, and he has given me a few coins as follows:

Tyre shekel	$6.00
Mythradates II	1.50
Epirus	2.00
Tyre	4.00
Boetoia	4.00
Athens IV century B. C.	1.50
Corinth	1.25
Thrace	4.00
Rhodes	1.00
Venetian ducat	3.50

Also I am enclosing a Connecticut cent which is sent gratis. I remain

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

ARTHUR CRAWFORD WYMAN
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

August 16th, 1933

My dear Howland:-

The coins arrived safely today and I am much pleased with them though I am afraid I can not afford to keep all of them just now. I will look them over and let you know shortly what I would like to have. It would help a little if you or Newell could give me a fuller attribution of some of them. I have no reference books on Greek coins available here and you know my own knowledge of them is pretty scanty.

I would like to know the date of the Corinth piece and is it a stater? 350

about 400 B.C. stater

Also date of the one of Boeotia and of the shekal of Tyre and the date and denomination (I suppose it is a ~~tetradrachm~~). The others I have been able locate myself.

400-350 B.C. stater

I am enclosing some rough rubbings of four coins belonging to a fellow out here who wants to know what they are. I was not sure enough myself to give him the information but said I would find out. I am particularly interested myself in the one numbered #1. The envelope it was in said Indo-Scythian. I always had a fondness for these imitations of the Byzantine coinage and am going to try to buy this piece when I am sure what it is so tell me what it is worth also.

I had a new Irish wolfhound pup ten weeks old given me two weeks ago. She arrived full of pep but unfortunately I found, also full of tapeworm. I dosed her day before yesterday and got thirty feet of worm out of her. I don't see how she carried it around and remained as lively as she is.

In addition, two months ago I got an infected jaw bone and had to have all my remaining teeth, (not so many at that) taken out. I was lucky not to have some of the bone taken too. Then when I got my plate to working a sort of abcess developed on the gum which had to be opened today and I am again toothless for a while. It gives me plenty of time to work with my new collection of coins.

This is written in a rush and is probably full of mistakes. I will correct all I see before sending it.

Always sincerely yours,

August 25, 1933.

Mr. Arthur C. Wyman
Los Altos
California.

Dear Mr. Wyman:

As Mr. Wood is now away on his vacation until about the middle of September I showed your letter to Mr. Newell this morning and the following is what he said.

The Corinth piece is a stater of about 350 B. C.

The one of Boetia is also a stater of about 400 B. C.

The shekels of Tyre are also called staters and they date from 400 to 350 B. C.

The value of the Trebizond silver piece that you have numbered as 1 on the rubbing is worth from fifty cents to $1.00 at the utmost.

Very truly yours,

WH:JC

Assistant Curator

October 4, 1933.

Mr. Arthur Crawford Wyman
Los Altos
California.

Dear Arthur:

Newell was asking me the other day if I had heard from you recently and I said "No", as he was wondering if you had made any selection from the last coins sent you. I think he wrote you or he should have in re your last letter to me asking for further information I suppose you have been busy as Treasurer of the Los Altos Chamber of Commerce. I have had only a fair summer. The month I took off was for the most part wet, rainy and disagreeable and I did not do half the things I wanted to do. The political situation in New York is somewhat perturbed. There is a strong feeling against Tammany, but McKee coming in at the last minute as an independent Democrat has thrown consternation in both Tammany and Fusion ranks.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

ARTHUR CRAWFORD WYMAN
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

October 10th, 1933

My dear Howland:-

Your letter received. I realize I have been an unnecessarily long time about coming to a decision in regard to the coins or rather in making a report and settlement to you but I have had some excuse. As I wrote in a let- which reached the Museum while you were away on vacation, I was afflicted during the summer with an infection of the jaw bone that threatened to be pretty serious. Then when it had seemed to be all over and I had my plates made, it flared up again. Fortunately this last attack didn't get much of a start and yielded quickly to treatment but it was damned uncomfortable. Hardly was that out of the way when one of my protate glands began to kick up and I thought I was in for more trouble but quieted down without serious consequences though some time it will rise up and smite me. The truth is I am not as young as I have been.

All this made me pretty lazy. Also I have tried to dispose of some of the coins which I did not want to collectors out here with a little success. Finally I am returning three herewith, as follows:-

Tyre shekel	$6.00
Epirus	2.00
Rhodes	1.00

I am keeping the following:-

Mithradates II	$1.50
Tyre	4.00
Boetia	4.00
Athens	1.50
Corinth	1.25
Thrace	4.00
Venice	3.50
Total	$19.75

I am enclosing my check for that amount.

I am also sending you in this package, a Thracian (Thasos) tetradracim of the same type as that received from you which I recently picked up. It seems to me, with the exception of the lettering to be pretty good and I bought it as a barbaric imitation. I wish you would get Newell's opinion about it and any information he may be able to give and then return it to me.

I now want to get the following coins if you or Newell happen to run across them.

Tetradrachm of Augustus from the Antioch mint.
A coin of Mithradates VI, Eupator (d.64 B.C.) of Pontus.
A rupee of Akbar
A dirhem of Haroun al Raschid

I am making an exhibit of part of my newly formed collection at the Pacific Coast or Rather Far Western Numismatic Conference in San Francisco. I have tried to arrange the coins in groups to particularly interest the layman. Certainly it is not a scientific arrangement. Each piece is adequately (perhaps too adquately) labeled to explain its special interest and why it is included.

In many cases some other coin than the one shown would be more appropriate but I had to use the pieces I had and a few pieces are included just to fill up the space allotted to me. I think I wrote you that I had bought a small hand printing press on which I have myself printed the the labels. I am enclosing a list of the pieces and would your criticism of the plan.

Sorry you had such a poor vacation. Come out to California where it never rains in the summer. (I wish it would sometimes).

Sincerely yours,

Arthur Crawford Hyman

P.S. I ought to explain in regard to the lists that each exhibitor has to fill a certain number of frames of uniform size. I have three. As an experiment I have placed all the gold in one frame though it might have been better to have distributed it appropriately with the other pieces but I thought it would be more spectacular this way. Also I have not shown some coins I have because I knew others were going to show them and wanted to avoid too much duplication.

MANAGEMENT OF
HALSEY E. MANWARING

At the end of the trail stands the Palace Hotel, San Francisco

CABLE ADDRESS
PALACE SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco
October 21, 1933

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York, New York.

Dear Howland:

Dr. Pradeau is up here at the Numismatic Conference and we have been talking over the manuscript of the monograph which I understand the Society is going to publish. The Doctor tells me that in addition to the copy sent you, he also has the same thing in Spanish. Of course, I could not say anything very definite to him but I suggested that he write you and ask your opinion as to how he might best get a Spanish Edition published.

What I had in mind was that if the Society did not wish to put it out in both languages, the Hispanic Society might be interested. I did not mention this to Pradeau.

By the way, did you ever get any information from the British Museum in regard to that East Indian Silver Piece I sent you sometime ago? I vaguely recollect that you said you were going to write them about it.

The dogs and the family are all well, although the recently acquired puppy has had one of her hind legs in a splint as the result of being stepped on. After the first day, she seemed to enjoy the experience and since I took the splint off, isn't quite sure whether that leg belongs to her or not.

Very truly yours,

Arthur Crawford Legrand

Coin from the Collection of Arthur Crawford Wyman Exhibited at the Far Western Numismatic Conference, San Francisco, October 22nd,

Frame One.

Ancient Greek Coins.

1. Silver Stater of Aegina, c. 650 B.C.
2. Silver tetradrachm of Athens, c. 400 B.C.
3. Silver stater of Boetia, c. 400 B.C.
4. Silver stater of Corinth, c. 350 B.C.

Napoleonic Numismatics

5. 1 Franc, 1808, Napoleon I
6. 1 " 1816, Napoleon II Pattern
7. 1 " 1867, Napoleon III
8. 1 " 1874, Napoleon IV Pattern

The Bonaparte Family

9. Silver 20 reals, Joseph Bonaparte, King of Spain, 1810
10. Silver 50 Stuivers, Louis Bonaparte, King of Holland, 1808
11. Silver Fine mark, Jerome Bonaparte, King of Westphalia, 1813
12. Silver 5 Franchi, Elisa Bonaparte, (with husband) Princess of Lucca, 180[illegible]

Numimatic Oddities

13. Silver Eighth Ecu, Cardinal de Bourbon As Charles X, 1596 struck after (his death.
14. Silver Daalder, Leicester coinage for the Low Countries, 1586.
15. Silver "Levant thaler", Maria Theresa, 1780.
16. Billon tetradrachm, Alexandrain mint showing portrait of Popaea, (Part played by Claudette Colbert in film Sign of the Cross.
17. Copper penny of England, 1797
18. "Gun Money" of James II, 1690
19. U. S. Trade dollar, 1877. Only demonetized U. S. coin.
20 & 21 10 centimes Switzerland, 1[illegible] nickel, 1919 Aluminum bronze. Only(?) (case in numismatic history of the same type, size and denom- (ination appearing in different metals.

22 & 23 1 anna, India 19[illegible]7 and 5 cents Ceylon 1909 to illustrate odd shapes (given nickel coins to distinguish them from silver.

"The Seated Liberty"

24 U.S. Silver dollar, 1871
25 U.S. Half Dollar, 1858
26 U.S. Quarter dollar, 1853
27 U.S. Twenty cents, 1873
28 U.S. Dime, 1838
29. U.S. Half dime, 1834

All seated Liberty with stars in field.

Frame Two. Gold.

The Golden Louis

30. Louis d'or, Louis XV, 1741
31. Louis d'or, Louis XVI, 1786
32. Louis d'or, Louis xviii, 1814 (Twenty frncs)

Modern Gold Coins

33. Ten marks, Bavaria, 1873
34. Ten Francs France, 1866
35. Twenty Francs, Switzerland, 1896
36. Ten Dollars, U. S., 1907

Roman Gold Coins

37. Aureus, Julius Caesar(Hirtia), 46 B.C.
38. " Antoninus Pius, 140 A. D.
39. Solidus, Valentinus I, 370 A.D.
40. " Focas, 605 A.D. (Eastern Empire)

U. S. Gold Coins (Obsolete types and denominations)

41. U. S. Tendollars, 1795
42. U. S. Three dollars, 1875
43. U. S. dollar, 1851, Small
44. U. S. dollar, 1873, large

Miscellaneous Gold Coins

45. Early British stater. (Disjointed horse and blank reverse)
46. Dinar of Bagdad, 764 A.D.
47. Ducat of Venice, c. 1465
48. Double ducat (escudo ?) of Spain, c. 1490 Ferdinand & Isabella

Frame Three

The Denarius

49. Roman denarius, Anonymous, c. 250 B.C.
50. Roman denarius, Calpurnia, 64 B.C.
51. Roman denarius, Marcia, 60 B.C.
52. Roman denarius, Julius Caesar, 47 B.C.
53. Roman denarius, Trajan, 101 A.D.
54. Denier, Anacona, 13th century
55. Denar, Serbia, 1912
56. Penny, Great Britain, 1927, (1 d(enarius)

Origin of the Dollar

57. Joachimsthaler (Undated variety)
58. Thaler of the Tyrole, 1630
59. Thaler of Leopold Hogmouth, 1693
60. Episcopal thaler of Passau, 1703
61. Spanish Pillar dollar, 1755
62. Rhode Island Four dollar note redeemable in Spanish Milled Dollars

Heroes of the Crusades.

63. Penny of Richard Lion Hearted
64. Dirhem of Saladin

Famous Rulers

65. Alexander the Great, Macedonia, Tetradrachm
66. Mithradates the Great, Parthia, Drachma
67. Constantine the Great, Rome, Follis
68. Otto the Great, Western Empire & Germany, Denier
69. Peter the Great, Russia, Ruble
70. William the Conqueror, England, Penny
71. Henri IV, France, Double tournois

Coins Relating to Judea

72. Shekel of Simon Maccabeus
73. Dilepton of Pontius Pilate, (Widow's mite?)
74. Denarius of Tiberius, (Tribute Penny)
75. Shekel of Tyre, (Thirty Pieces of Silver?)
76. Sestertius of Vespasian, JVDEA CAPTA

October 24, 1933.

Mr. Arthur Crawford Wyman
Los Altos
California.

Dear Arthur:

I have not seen Noe but I doubt very much if we would consider publishing the Spanish edition of Dr. Pradeau's article. It certainly would not pay because in Mexico they feel no numismatic work in Spanish today would pay. Why I know this is because they translated my Mexican Revolutionary article into Spanish and decided not to print it but they did get out an edition in English with added notes. I am very sure the Hispanic would not be interested.

Your other letter returning the coins came to hand but I cannot answer it as I turned it over to Newell for him to give me the dope on certain things you wrote about. Your coin which you thought was a barbaric imitation is not but a straight coin. Many thanks for the check, that is in behalf of Newell not me.

I did find out about the medal. It was issued by General Claude Martin in India and was an award medal for diligence at the Martiniere Schools in India. Forrer mentions it in his Biographical Dictionary under the engraver's name Mackenzie. It was made in 1798.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

ARTHUR CRAWFORD WYMAN
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

October 24th, 1933

My dear Howland:-

I am enclosing rather poor rubbings of two gold coins which picked up the other day. Will you attribute them for me ?

Of course, I suspect the one I have marked A is a mohur of one of the Indian states. It is one of five which I got, the others being apparently a quarter mohur, a eighth mohur and two sixteenth mohurs. The last two are not exactly the same size but the one with the slightly larger diameter is somewhat thinner. I have not had a chance yet to weigh them but I think they must be the same. All of them are of the same date.

Our Farwestern Numismatic Conference, though scantily attended was a great success and seems likely to be an annual affair. We really had a remarkably fine lot of exhibits, of which, I am conceited enough to think, mine was about as interesting as any. Unfortunately several pieces I had been angling for did not reach me in time to be included, though they got here after I got home from the Conference.

Ernest Wernstrom, the present president of the San Francisco Club is really a pretty sick man and Harvey Hansen, the secretary after two years of unemployment, has just got a job which keeps him very busy, so the last arrangements for the affair devolved on me and I went up to San Francisco and stayed there for three days.

Always sincerely yours,

Arthur Crawford Wyman

October 30, 1933.

Mr. Arthur Crawford Wyman
Los Altos, California.

Dear Arthur:

I am herewith returning the rubbings identified of the two coins you sent. The only time Newell has been in lately was when I was down town so your letter that I turned over to him is still in the air.

I am glad Hansen has a job. However, if you were on the job there at the Conference I bet it was better run than if some of the other fellows had it. I bought a few Indian Peace medals and decorations at the Senter sale and got most of what I wanted. The Indian Peace medals I got dirt cheap. The decorations went rather high as there were several bidders on these. Will drop you a line later.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

November 2, 1933.

Mr. Arthur Crawford Wyman
Los Altos, California.

Dear Arthur:

I am sending you a copy of the last Brown Alumni Monthly as I am sure there are several things in it that may interest you. Do not bother to return it as I do not save these.

Also, I am returning the Thracian coin herewith which is a straight issue and not a barbaric imitation. Newell at the present time has no tetradrachm of Augustus from the Antioch mint nor of Mithradates VI. I think I can get a rupee of Akbar and a dirhen of Haroun er Rasehid. If I can locate them will send them on to you.

Since I dictated the above I have found a rupee of Akbar and a dirhen of Haroun. I do not exactly want to take money from you for these as you have been generous in giving us coins in times past. If sometime you want to send us a coin valued at about $1.50 do so.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

ARTHUR CRAWFORD WYMAN
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

November 14th, 1933

My dear Howland:-

Do you know of any "dope" on the Leicester coinage in Holland that I could get hold of for ~~xxx~~ a little article in the Numismatist. All I have here is a paragraph in in Hazlitt's Coinage of the European Continent, p. 410 and the item in Frey's Numismatic Dictionary.

I have one of the thalers which I got from Schulman dated 1586. I also have a thaler which Elder catalogued as a Leicester piece dated 1650. This latter has a half lengthe figure holding a sword in the right hand and a small shield with a rampart lion in the left on the obverse, but the reverse instead of the six shield radiating from the center has a single shield with a lion rampant to l., with a sword in one paw and a bunch of arrows in the other. Is this properly one of the Leicester series?

What did you think of the selection I had in my exhibit at the Far Western Numismatic Conference.

As ever yours,

Arthur Crawford Wyman

November 22, 1933.

Mr. Arthur Crawford Wyman
Los Altos, California.

Dear Arthur:

I should have answered your letter sooner but I have been under the weather for the past two weeks. I have myself and have sicked the assistant librarian on to finding dope concerning the Leicester coinage and have located nothing except in some large Dutch books that I think will help you.

Leicester was put in charge of the low countries as Governor General in 1586. That year he opened a mint at Amsterdam, where nobles were coined, but this mint did not last long. Leicester pieces were struck at Dordrecht in Holland, Middelborg in Zealand, Harderwyk in Guelderland, Utrecht, Leeuwarden in Frisia, Hoorn, Enkhuisen and Medemblik, the latter three in West Frisia, Deventer, Campen and Zwolle in Overyssel and in Groningen.

He issued the following denominations, gold nobles, half and quarter nobles, obverse the usual type of man in armor, reverse a rayed sun; ducats, but with the square cartouche on the back. The silver coins however were distinctive. The real or 8 escalins, 4 gros piece had Leicester's bust gloriated, with six shields on the back; there were also half reals and twentieth reals. The ecus or daalders had a half length figure with sword in right hand and arrows in left hand, on the reverse a shield with six divisions. There were also halves and quarters made. The coin Elder sent you is the straight daalder of the time issued in all the provinces and as you will note by the date long after Leicester's time. The Leicester piece I have is dated 1595.

Pardon me for not complimenting you on the selection you made at the Numismatic Conference. I looked this through with interest and I think you did extremely well because I can see where you did not have over much material to work from and you made virtually every piece count. Hansen or someone else wrote me and they all seemed to be in praise of you.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

ARTHUR CRAWFORD WYMAN
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

February 4th, 1934

My dear Howland:-

I have just sent a small check to Newell in response to his letter asking contributions for the purchase of coins from a large collection of copper and bronze pieces which has become available to the Society. Now I am consumed with curiosity to know whose collection it is and especially if it is Eklund's.

I wish I could have sent more but I am feeling especially poor just now. As you know, the arrangement I made about my mother's estate was that the income, over and above the comparatively small portion paid out in annuities, should come to me. As the Trust Co. has interpreted that, the income for each year is accumulated during the year and then paid to me on December 31st. So I have recently received the 1933 income and, as was to be expected, it has fallen off considerably. This would not have been so bad but for another unfortunate fact. When I bought this place out here, instead of selling some of the securities I had to raise the cash and which I might then have done at approximately the price I had paid for them, I used them as collateral for a loan to supply the necessary cash. Now the value of the securities so pledged has gone off so much that the bank asked me to take up the loan this month. Fortunately I had already paid off about half of the original amount so was able to do so but it means I must budget myself pretty carefully for the next twelve months.

I have had a tentative offer for an interesting and pretty well paying though temporary job this summer and may find it best to take it if it materializes. I can't say much about it but it comes through the son of California's woman member of Congress, Mrs Kahn, whom, the son, I have met at dog shows, where he and his wife show Russian wolfhounds.

I have a lot of fun recently with Richard Bennett the actor and father of the movie stars Joan and Constance. He and Mrs. Bennett (not the mother of the girls) have been staying, at Los Gatos about twelve miles from here where Mrs. Bennetts have a most gorgeous estate. Bennett and I have become real pals (it's Dick and Arthur between us now) and he has been awfully nice to me. Mrs. Bennett hadn't much use for me at first but gradually ~~xxxxx~~ thawed out and when Dick went back to Hollywood for a while went horseback riding with me every other day for a week or two. She is a very in-

telligent, very affected in manner, very smart and very homely.

Several weeks ago I saw an item in a San Francisco paper that Allan Hazelton's wife had sued him for divorce alleging misconduct with a movie actress in three states. I met her when I was at the A.N.A. convention (the wife, I mean) and thought she was very attractive. Hazleton was in San Francisco a while ago and I gather that was one of the occasions which his wife complained of.

I have several coins to send you but will not get them off for a while yet. I have been too busy with my new wolf hound pup lately to give much attention to coins. I think I wrote you that I received last August an eight weeks old wolfhound bitch as a gift. She is now eight months old and in spite of the fact that I have had considerable trouble with her due to tape worms she has developed marvelously and is going to be the best dog I have for showing. Also, for a female she is going to be very big and I am hoping eventually to make some money by breeding her as she should give me excellent pups from own dog Prince.

If you thought my being treasurer of the Los Altos Chamber of Commerce was funny, get a load of this:- I am now President of the said Chamber of Commerce. How's that?

May and I have have often thought about Elizabeth since she was married and have wondered how she was getting along.

There are, I know, a lot more things I want to write you about but I can't seem to think of them just now so will let them go till next time.

Always sincerely yours,

Arthur Sanford Spencer

P. S. Do you happen to know who was elected Chancellor of Brown University to succeed my Uncle Arnold?

February 7, 1934.

Mr. Arthur Crawford Wyman
Los Altos, California.

Dear Arthur:

Your letter just at hand and many thanks for the contribution. The coins are Eklunds and we have been going through his catalogue for some time and have picked out several hundred dollars worth of coins which he is gradually sending on. As a matter of fact I have raised about five hundred dollars and small donations are still coming in. I have also $200.00 or $300.00 more available. I appreciate your situation in paying off a note. I borrowed $1000.00 in 1929 and have just paid it off. Like you I would have done a great deal better if I had sold the securities rather than used them as collateral. However, I still have the securities, such as they are!

From all of your letters I should judge that you are having the time of your life in California, in fact having a better time than you did East. This part of the world will presumably see little of you from now on.

I was much interested in what you had to say about Hazelton. We had not heard from him for several months which was unusual. The other day I got a letter from him from Ohio where he is now staying with an uncle. He did not go into details. All he said was that he and his wife were divorced and as it was a personal matter he was not inflicting me with the details!

I trust all your dogs will stay healthy and command a good price.

Elizabeth has a very nice small apartment in Woodside. Charles goes one way to business and she comes out to Flushing where she is teaching in a nursery kindergarten. She studied two years at this work. Unless things blow up I expect to be a grandfather in July. This was not on the schedule, but it is a fact!

Robertson and I have been keeping more than busy as coins are always coming in and there is always a lot to do with those that we already have. Remember me to May and believe me

Very truly, without any definite
kno ledge of who was elected Chancellor of Brown,

HW:JG

ARTHUR CRAWFORD WYMAN
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

February 14th, 1934

My dear Howland:-

Some time ago you sent me a couple of coins, valued at $1.50 for which I was to give something in exchange or pay for at my convenience. Recently I ran across the enclosed half dollar, which seems a rather nice specimen of the first half dollar (I believe) coinage of the San Francisco mint. I am sending it to you to be applied on the above mentioned debt at face value. If you do not have it in the collection it will make a satisfacory specimen and if you do, then you can spend it.

Thanks very much for your last letter. I had figured from Newell's letter that the collection in question might be Eklund's since he was the only one I knew of who had such an extensive collection of the sort Newell descrobed. How near are you to raising the amount you need to make the purchases you want from it? Did Newell's letter go to all members of the Society? I ask this because I might be able to raise a few additional dollars out here. I have in mind especially A. R. Thompson whom I recently proposed for membership in the Society, if he has not already been approached. He is really developing a serious and intelligent interest as a collector, especially in Siege pieces and European thaler size pieces although does not confine himself to them by any means. While not a very rich man, he seems to have a comfortable income even in these parlous times and I have a feeling that he would be a good man to get closer too.

That makes me think that I might use a list of A.N.S. members located out here, say in California, Orgon and Washington. Many of them, I already know, but there are some I have not been in touch with. Would it be proper to let me have such a list?

Years ago I bought from the Society some small leather cases in which you had received medals etc. Have you any more of them. I would want them at least three inches square, larger if possible and would be glad to take three or four at a reasonable price.

We were awfully glad to hear about Elizabeth but the thought of you being a grandfather is almost as bad as my being president of a Chamber of Commerce, though it is certainly a much more worth while achievement.

I wonder if Hazleton has left California permanently. He has a good deal of money tied up in that costume business. He did not own control of it but did have by far the largest single interest in it. I think he told it was forty per cent of the total. One of the other owners was the active manager of it but Hazleton was an important cog in the organization very evidently and it was, of its kind, a pretty big business. As you perhaps know, there is what is called a community property law here in California by which any property coming into the possession of either a husband or wife, after marriage belongs equally to both of them. Sometimes after seperation or divorce the consequent division of the personal property can be avoided by getting out of the state, I believe.

As ever,

Nathan

February 20, 1934.

Mr. Arthur Crawford Wyman
Los Altos, California.

Dear Arthur:

Your letter just at hand and as I do not trust as yet the army air mails I am sending this in the regular way. We had a very poor San Francisco mint half dollar which on closer examination proved to be a variety. Therefore we are glad to get the one you sent on.

We wrote to only a favored few touching them up for contributions towards buying from the Halund collection. Therefore, if you can touch up Thomson get to it!

We are publishing, and it should be out any day now, Proceedings of our annual meeting and membership list. This you will get very shortly. By running through it you can get all of the Pacific coast members we have and if there are any you want to correspond with and have not their street address, as we do not publish that, let me know and I will tell you.

I am sending you a few leather cases. I do not know if these are what you want or not but you are welcome to them gratis. I should judge that Hazelton had left California. He may have sold his share of the business out. I have not heard from him since his last letter to me and my reply. We have been pretty nearly swamped the past two months as over 200 coins have come into us.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

ARTHUR CRAWFORD WYMAN
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

April 20th, 1934

My dear Howland:-

I am sending under seperate cover a small package by registered mail. It contains four items, two gold pieces, both presumably Japanese, a small gold piece of Hyderabad (1/16 mohur?) and a clay weight(?) with what may be an Arabic inscription on it.

The two Japanese pieces are my own and I would like them attributed fully with your idea of their value.

The Hyderabad piece is a gift to the Museum from me. If you already have it, sell this and use the money on your Eklund purchases.

The clay piece is the property of a Mr. Garland Rotch of 7 Front Street, San Francisco. Mr. Rotch secured in Bali when on a trip round the world. He was then told some story of its importance but being a rather vague gentleman, entirely forgot what he was told and is now anxious to find out what the thing is. (I suspect Mr. Rotch was mildly stewed during most of his circumnavigation of the globe). However, for certain ulterior reasons, I am very anxious to help him. You can understand a bit when I tell you Mr. Rotch is a very intimate friend of the Crocker family in San Francisco. Indeed, I believe his tour was made on the Crocker yacht and the Crockers out here are even nearer to God than the Cabots are in Boston.

If the thing turns out to have any numismatic importance I can get Mr. Rotch to give it to the museum, but should want it returned to the me first. Also I should appreciate it if you could reply to this inquiry as soon as possible as I have delayed somewhat in getting the piece off to you.

I spoke to Thompson about a cash contribution to the purchase fund. He promised to send one. Have you received it yet?

I have just returned from another trip to Los Angeles during which I had quite a visit with Ed Lee. At my suggestion he recently joined the A. N. S. He has

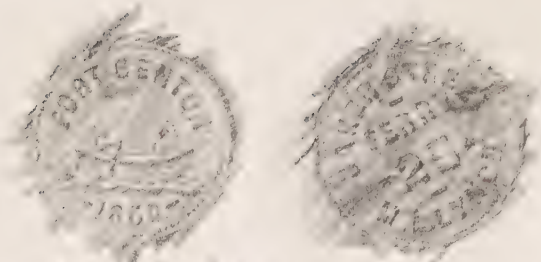
been a pretty serious collector, in a quiet way, for many years and is now devoting his energy to setting up his son Kenneth as a numismatic dealer. They both have very high standards and as they get established ought to be a real asset to the numismatic fraternity.

Otherwise things are going on about as usual, For finacial reasons I have not been adding anything important to my own collection recently. I did just pick up the two ferry tokens of which I send a rough rubbing. Do you know anything about them? (They are brass)

Best regards to every one and especially yourself.

Always sincerely

Arthur Crawford Hopman



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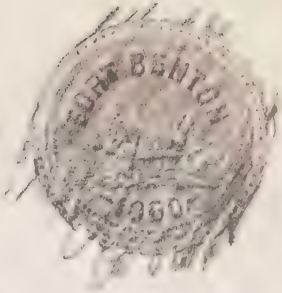

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montana

ARTHUR CRAWFORD WYMAN
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

April 20th, 1934

My dear Howland:-

Inadvertantly the enclosed was left out of the package mailed today. From your point of view it is the most important of the lot so sending it along now and trust it will reach you soon enough to avoid confusion and the impression I was double crossing you.

By the way, if Noe has any duplicate European sales catalogues with plates that he doesn't want and will sell cheap, I probably could use them. I am especially interested in Greek, Greek Imperial and Continental coins of the the Renaissance, but most anything would help. I want them to use for reference because of the shortage of anything of the sort out here.

As usual,

Arthur Crawford Wyman

April 26, 1934.

Mr. Arthur C. Wyman
Los Altos, California.

Dear Arthur:

Your two letters at hand and the package came last night. Many thanks for the little Hyderabad coin. We did not have this size but had several of the size larger so I am glad to get it. I never have seen those two tokens of Fort Benton. I presume this is the Fort Benton in Montana. You have got a couple of good items in these. I have attributed your Japanese pieces and I am returning it with the glass piece under separate cover.

The glass piece came from Ceylon. Newell has a number of them, some the size of your piece and some larger. He knows nothing about them other than where they came from. They are not coins and are probably temple offerings with prayers on them. The language is in sanskrit. It was the religious language there in the early days. We do not care for the piece so don't try to get it from Mr. Rotch.

Thompson has as yet sent nothing towards the Eklund fund. However, don't stir him up as we have got more money than we probably will need, as Eklund is not anxious now to sell much more. He evidently, and I don't blame him, hates to part with too many of his coins. We, however, have made a good haul and have spent pretty nearly all of the funds devoted to this purpose.

We are having a hobby show here in New York now similar to what they had in Chicago awhile ago. None of us here showed any enthusiasm about it but Wormser got all stirred up and got a booth in the name of the Association and all the local clubs and we have been sandbagged into helping him so I am rather busy this week. Noe is sending you, under separate cover, a bunch of catalogues.

People now and then ask about you or after you and wonder when you are going to pay a visit East.

Very sincerely yours,

HW:JG

June 11th, 1934

My dear Howland:-

I am sending you herewith, three pieces upon which I would like your opinion. I realize that I am bothering you a lot lately for information. However, I hope you will forgive me and hereafter I will enclose postage for the return of anything I send you.

The first piece is a mistruck French piece which puzzles me a little. Can you make out what it was intended to be and account for it otherwise. It is large, I think for a five centime piece although the words CINQUE CENTIMES apparently appeared on one side. The D ----- E on the otherside are apparently DECIME, which indicates that the piece may be overstruck on one of the Revolutionary pieces.

The next piece is a chopped marked Spanish dollar which from its color seems to be a counterfeit. I think I remember the Society had a counterfeit that had been chopped marked.

The Fugio cent seems alright to me and I am only supicious of it because of the company in which I found it. I would like your opinion of it.It was with a terrible bunch of fakes. All three of these pieces are mine now but as they cost be only a few cents, I am satisfied whatever they turn out to be.

Very truly yours

Arthur S. Newman

ARTHUR CRAWFORD WYMAN
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

May 21, 1934

My dear Howland:-

Herewith, two important contributions to the Museum's collection. The Humane officers' badge is a real rarity, only five having been issued before the organization succumbed to the depression (In Los Angeles, they call it the "mildest humane thing here ever had"). This particular bad ge was issued to me and ~~knwkIxkg~~ oath to faithfully perform the duties of a humane officer of the State of California, as prescribed by statute, before a justice of the State Superior Court.

The fifty cent piece of the S mint is one of the considerable number which have recently appeared in circulation here. Probably you already have it. If so you can spend this one.

Tell Noe the catalogues arrived and I shall send him a check in a few days.

Last week my oldest bitch had to be killed. She had developed an ulceration in the inner ear which refused to yield to treatment and had become very painful. We were sorry to loose her as she was a beauty and with a very individual personality utterly unlike any of the other dogs. However, we couldn't let her suffer and she had to go.

Sincerely yours as usual,

Arthur Crawford Wyman

May 29, 1934.

Mr. Arthur Crawford Wyman
Los Altos
California.

Dear Arthur:

Your letter at hand and I have added the Humane Officer's badge to the collection. I suppose in your next letter you will tell me that you have been holding some other position such as Justice of the Peace, dog-catcher or probation officer to movie picture actresses.

The fifty cent piece we had and have consequently added it to the duplicate coin fund. I am sorry to hear about your dog but if the poor beast was suffering you did the right thing.

Sincerely yours,

HW:JG

June 18, 1934.

Mr. Arthur Crawford Wyman
Los Altos
California.

Dear Arthur:

Yours just at hand and I have looked at the three pieces. Your French piece was originally struck on 1795 or 96 for a one decime. During 1796 they increased the size of the coins and all decime pieces were made twice the size and five centime pieces were made the size of the decime. This is the first time I have seen one of these actually struck over the old piece. All of ours show as if they were struck on new planchets.

The Spanish dollar is certainly of base metal. If you will note, the chops although different look as if they were made by the same person and stamped on by the same person. In other words, there is no variety of size chops and light and heavy striking of these. We have got as you may remember several pieces in the same order.

The fugio cent looks all right to me. In times past large numbers were found put away in nice bright condition.

I have just got back from Boston where I have been moving my mother down to Brockton and she is now living in a house next to her sister's. She is very Beeble and very childish.

Best regards,

ARTHUR CRAWFORD WYMAN
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

June 22nd, 1934

My dear Howland:-

Perhaps you will be interested to know a few facts that I have learned relating to the two ferry tokens of Fort Benton.

Fort Benton, as you probably know, was established originally as a trading post by the American Fur Company. It lies at the extreme limit of navigation on the Missouri River and was also from 1860 on the easterly terminus of a U. S. government highway. At this point the river is both wide and rapid and there is no practical ford within many miles in either direction. After the gold mining in the state began most of the supplies and foodstuffs for the mining towns came up the river from St. Louis and much of it had to be ferried across the river. The ferry was operated from 1860 to about 1885 by a Mike Lynch. These two tokens were the only type he issued. The twenty five cent one was for a single passenger; the fifty cent for vehicle and one passenger. In 1885 a bridge was built across the river and the ferry ceased to run. The railroads cut into the traffic on the river and Fort Benton lost its former importance.

This information came to me from Mr. David A. Crichton, a member of the A.N.A. who lives in Great Falls, Montana, about forty miles from Fort Benton.

You might pass this information on two Zerbe sometime. I sent him rubbings of the pieces and he wrote he had never seen them.

These two pieces seem to me a good illustration of the interest that may attach to what seems at first glance an unimportant numismatic item and I am now trying to get some pictures of Fort Benton and then work up a little article for the Numismatist from this angle.

I forgot to mention that my information included the fact that only this one type of token was issued but I am not yet sure whether they were all dated 1860.

Yours as ever,

Arthur C. Wyman

P. S. The three coins arrived back yesterday. Thanks very much.

June 29, 1934

Mr. Arthur Crawford Wyman
Los Altos, California.

Dear Arthur:

I am very glad that you sent me the facts about Fort Benton tokens. I think it would be well to publish these in the Numismatist, and I am sending this information down to Zerbe.

We are having extremely hot weather here, not only is it hot but it is muggy so that it is decidedly uncomfortable. I understand that today is hot throughout the country.

No news as yet to report.

Very sincerely yours,

H :JG

December 12, 1934.

Mr. Arthur C. Wyman
Los Altos, California.

Dear Arthur:

It is some little time since we have written one and another and as you nuually start the dorrespondence I will change around and do it. I suppose you heard of the sudden death of Mr. Drowne, who with his wife and two servants was burnt in the fire that destroyed their house. He had been on the sick list for several years and was just beginning to get well again.

Things have been going along here smoothly without anything extraordinary or dynamic. The main reason I am writing you is this. Years ago you told me the story of "Seersucker". Could you outline this for me, how, where and when it started and why the name was chosen. My daughter Elizabeth was much interested in the story I told her some years ago, but the details are now a little hazy.

Sincerely yours,

HW:JG

ARTHUR CRAWFORD WYMAN
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

December 5th, 1935

My dear Howland:-

It is a much too long a time since I last wrote you but these last few months have been rather busy ones. As I wrote Noe, I have been worried about the water situation here. This place is a part of a large tract which originally formed what was known as the Blanco Ranch. When the ranch was subdivided, a lot upon which were located several wells was set aside, a pump and storage tanks installed and pipe lines laid to cover the entire tract. As each of the various parcels into which the ranch was divided were sold the purchaser received with his deed a deed for an undivided interest in this "water lot" as it was called. Theoretically this takes care of the water situation but practically there has been considerable difficulty, because of differences of opion among the various owners as to the best method of operating the water system. I won't bore you with all the details but finally this summer it looked for a while as if the whole system would be tied up because of a quarrel that developed between two groups. Then I got busy to protect myself and started digging a well. At sixty feet I began to get water but not in very plentiful quatities and just what I shall do is still a little uncertain but I am hoping that I have improved my situation somewhat. Meanwhile the difficulties in the Blanco Ranch water service have been, at least temporarily ironed out.

I am enclosing a rubbing of a gold coin I recently purchased. I suppose it is of southern India but would like an exact attribution as to place, and date of issue, denomination etc. Also what is its approximate market value. I bought it for its exact gold value.

As to the question of seersucker I am afraid I can't tell you much. As I remember it seersucker had been made in England but not in this country. One time when I was quite a small boy my father was in charge of the family mills in Rhode Island while my Uncle Arnold Chace was in Europe. At that time the mills were making a stripped shirting, one stripe white and the other in color alternately. A case of this in transit to New York got wet and the colored stripes, because of something in the dye, shrank while the white stripe did not. This gave the effect of the English seersucker and Dad got a hurry up order from the New York buyer for more. He didn't know what it was all about as he had not seen the cloth after it reached New York. Eventually he got a piece and then with the " boss weaver" figured out a way to get

desired result by tightening the warp threads in one of the stripes.

My recollection is that the name "seersucker" is of East Indian origin and I think it was originally a silk or silk and linen fabric. Of course that made by the Valley Falls Company was cotton.

Under a separate cover I am sending you a coin which seems to me a fake of some sort. Of course what I don't know about Greek coins is considerable and this piece may be all right but I have had a kind of feeling that it isn't so would be glad to know what you and Newell think about it. If it is all right, let me know when and where it was coined. It does not belong to me but I said I would get the dope on it.

Do you remember the inquiries you made some time ago in regard to the gold imitations of French coins reported in Napier's History of the War in the Spanish Penninsula by order of the Duke of Wellington. In Spink's Circular for March, 1943, #14744b, Col. 102 is coin which I never heard of before and probably it accounts for Napier's story although it is not exactly what Napier described since its date is two years or so later than the time at which Napier said the coinage took place and also at that time Louis XVIII had not been restored to the throne and the current gold coins which Napier said were imitated would, of course, been those of Napoleon.

We are a planning another Far Western Numismatic Conference in San Francisco this spring and hope to make it even more successful than the last one. I will let you know more about it later.

Last week I bred my bitch Fianna to an imported hound owned by a man named Horst whose father is known out here as the Hop King and control the entire output of hops from this state which is about equal to the entire output of the rest of the world. What I didn't know before is that both the German and English brewers buy large quantities of American hops to mix with their own in making ale and beer with the result that the Horst family are extremely wealthy. Young Horst brought a pair of wolfhounds home from Ireland recently but the bitch died. He has been extremely anxious to have some puppies and so I made a deal with him to breed his dog to Fianna, he to have all but two of the resulting litter and to bear all the expense if any. Genetically it is not an awful good cross, but I wanted to keep Horst interested in the breed for future advantages.

Always sincerely yours,

Wilmer Stannard Mallison

P. S. I am enclosing postage for return of the Greek coin.

ARTHUR CRAWFORD WYMAN
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

January 10th, 1935

My dear Howland:-

In the January "Numismatist" just received today I notice on page 61 the advertisement of the Art Trading Co., 1 East 59th St. offering an Australian sovereign, 1867. Very fine of the Sydney Mint, for $10.00. This is a piece I want and the price seems reasonable. I paid Baldwin about two pounds for a rather poor one once but I don't know anything about the firm offering.it, which seems to be one that has come into being since I left New York.

Would it be too much trouble for you to get the piece for me. I am enclosing a check to pay for it with a little added for postage and exchange. This small account I have opened in the local Los Altos Bank as a special coin purchasing fund.

In my letter the other day I forgot to mention one very important event. I have a new car; that is new to me. My two old cars had each travelled about 40,000 miles. The milage mounts up out here where there is scarcely a day passes but what I run up from twenty to fifty miles. Their trade-in value on the first of December was together about $430.00. With the advent of the 1935 models it was due take another drop so it seemed wise to take a look around a bit before taking another years depreciation. Incidentally I had decided that since May still refuses to drive herself it was not worth while to have two cars with double insurance and depreciation to carry. I finally decided to get a Plymouth sedan. Then our local garage man showed me a De Soto, late 1934 Airflow sedan which he had as a demonstration car and which had been driven only about enough to get it broken in, and made me a proposition on it which made it cost me in cash only a very little more than a new Plymouth. I couldn't refuse and it is out in my garage now. It is the easiest riding thing I have ever ~~since~~ seen and a beauty to drive and I am delighted with it.

Why don't you take your vacation out this way this summer?

Sincerely yours,

Arthur C. Wyman

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January 23, 1935.

Mr. Arthur Crawford Wyman
Los Altos, California.

Dear Arthur:

Please pardon the delay in reply to your letter of December 5th but Newell has been away and then I was away. The gold coin of which you send a rubbing is not rare and was struck by Govinda Chandra Deva 1115-1165, one of the Rathor dynasty of Kanauj in India. When I say it is not rare I would not pay much over 25% of present day gold price.

Many thanks for your account of seersucker.

I am also returning the Greek coin and it is a fake and not a very good one at that. The coin referred to in Spink's circular is scarce but not rare. It was made at the London mint when Louis SVIII was in England, and was used to pay the English troops in France. The other pieces you refer to I think were counterfeit coins of Napoleon. You can almost tell these Louis SVIII by the mint mark which is an R. We have one here. I am also in this letter enclosing the Australian gold sovereign which I got from the Art Trading Co. It is a trible nicked but I think it is worth $10.00 so took it.

You are not the only person with a new car. I bought two last year - one in May and went 12,000 miles in it when it got bumped by a milk truck at Christmas time. I made a good trade-in for a 1935 Plymouth and like it very much. The new Plymouth certainly is easy riding and economical on gas.

The Dudley Butlers have just got back from a trip to the coast. I don't know whether they looked you up or not?

Sincerely yours,

HW:JG

ARTHUR CRAWFORD WYMAN
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

April 3rd, 1935

My dear Howland:-

I am enclosing four rubbings about which I would like some information.

1:- A copper piece which it seems to me I have seen before and to be possibly an English eighteenth century token. As far as I can make out there was no Pope Clement XV and as the portrait seem to be a caricature, I suppose the piece is of a satirical character. It does not belong to me but the owner has asked me about it.

2:- A medalet I picked up the other day. Of course, I am familiar with it in brass but don't remember it in fine silver as this piece is. Originally it must have had a proof surface.

3:- A gold coin which I purchased as a noble of Edward III, but which I am inclined to think, from the limited references available out here is of Edward IV. Can you tell from the rubbing? I got it cheap enough so that it does not make much difference which it is.

4:- Two Chinese pieces which I got in a lot of junk. I have attempted to attribute them myself, from an article I found in an old Numismatic Circular and since it is my first attempt I am anxious to see if I am any where near right.

Mr. Ed. M. Lee of Glendale California, who is, you know a member of the Society and with his son Kenneth, runs a small numismatic business, asked me a short time ago if you would be willing to help him occassionally in identifying coins for a small fee. I told him I thought you would but would like to suggest you to write him direct. He is the kind who would greatly appreciate such an attention, (he has the best manners of anybody I have met in California) and can do a lot for the Society around Los Angles if he is encouraged a little.

Have you any spare ribbons for the following:- German Iron Cross, British War Service, Mercantile Marine 1914-1918 and the American Order of the Loyal Legion? If so I would like enough for one of each.

I have several other things to write of but must rush off now to do some errands for the family so will have to defer them to another letter.

As ever,

Arthur Crawford Hayman

April 5, 1935.

Mr. Arthur Crawford Wyman
Los Altos, California.

Dear Arthur:

I have fixed up your rubbings and I am returning them. Concerning the piece of Clement XV, Atkins includes it among the imitation of regal coinage, and gives it No. 59. I never saw or heard of one of those "To Hanover" in silver. There was no reason why they should not have been made if anybody wanted to pay for them. The gold coin belongs to Edward III - Edward I or II did not strike these pieces. Edward IV struck a different looking piece.

I would be very glad to help Mr. Lee out whenever he is in trouble about identifying coins and will write him to that effect.

I have no spare ribbon of the Iron Cross or of the Mercantile Marine, but I am enclosing a piece of the worn service ribbon and a ribbon that is almost identical with one of the Loyal Legion, the only difference being the red stripe on this is about 1/32 of an inch wider. We, as you presume, keep busy here and at the present moment we are on the jump.

Sincerely yours,

HW:JG

ARTHUR CRAWFORD WYMAN
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

April 26th, 1936

My dear Howland:-

I am sending you under seperate cover two gold coins about which I want toask you some questions. The cupped shaped solidus has been labelled by its owner as follows:-

John III, Ducat
Solidus.

I can't find the articles on Byzantine coins which ran a few years ago in the Numismatic Circular any Byzantine Emperor John III. That the coin is one of some John seems evident because the is quite plain and I assumed at first it was John Ducas Vatatzes of Nicaea whom Goodacre in the articles mentioned calls John I but whom the Encylopaedia Britannica calls John III. The only trouble is that no discription of the coins of John Ducas which I can find gives a reverse like this piece with two figures apparently over lapping. The coin seems to have been clipped but I can't tell how badly as I don't know just what it is anyway. How much do you think it is worth?

The other coin is a gold piece of Charles V, Holy Roman Emperor. The type is of course exactly like that described in Schulman's price catalogue No. 79, November , 1928, #219 but the illustration shows a larger coin than this one. Is this a half? Like the other, it seems to have been clipped. How much is it worth?

I have in my own collection a French twenty francs gold of Louis XVIII, 1814 of the K (Bordeaux?) mint. Is this especially rare. I know all Louis' coinage of 1814 is scarce and thought a piece from other than the Paris mint might be rare.

As the two coins I am sending are not mine I would appreciate their return as soon as convenient and am enclosing postage for air mail and registration.

As ever,

Arthur Crawford Wyman

Over

Since writing I have found a discription of a"florin d'or" of Antwerp in Schulman's Catalogue No. 81, November, 1929, #97 which may be the piece I am sending you, but it is not fully described or illustrated.

May 2, 1935.

Mr. Arthur Wyman
Los Altos, California.

Dear Arthur:

The Byzantine coin belongs to John II Comnenus who kept the throne at Constantinople down on a more or less precarious basis between the years 1128 and 1143. Its denomination is a nomisma. It has been very badly clipped as it weighs only 49 grains and should weigh around 70. The other coin of Charles V was struck at Bruges by Charles as Count of Flanders. This you can tell by the Fleur de Lis mint mark. It is known as a Karolus gold gulden or florin d'or. I have been able to find no records of this but similar pieces from the Holland mint brought little more than gold value. I doubt if this piece is worth much more because it has two bad clipps out of it. I have been unable to locate a French price list that tells me anything about your 20 franc piece of 1814. As a rule the Bordeau mint is not rare.

My mother passed away the other day - she had been in poor health for about three years.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

ARTHUR CRAWFORD WYMAN
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

June 10th, 1935

My dear Howland:-

I am sending you enclosed a number of rubbings with questions which I hope you will answer. You will note that most of them are in relation to denominations etc. that I want get accurately before printing my labels. All this is in preparation, somewhat delayed, for an exhibition to illustrate the history of gold coinage in Europe which I am to make when ready at the Palo Alto branch of the American Trust Company. I am also writing a very brief (about 500 words) outline of the history of European gold coinage to printed as a little circular or leaflet to be distributed at the exhibition. As I think I have already written you, the whole arrangement is experimental, both on the part of the bank and myself and I am to get nothing for it but if it is successful it may lead to something more profitable. At least that is what the bank officers seem to think.

I am also sending you under separate cover a gold coin of Ceylon for attribution; denomination; date, issuing authority etc. I am sending the coin itself instead of a rubbing because I have found in the Numismatic Circular, June 1906, Col. 9159 on forged Sinhalese coins and I want your opinion on this piece. If you don't think it is good, and I am a bit doubtful about it myself, will write me your opinion in a letter by itself that I can show to Holgar Jorgensen from whom I bought the piece. Jorgensen has more real numismatic knowledge than any body else out here on this coast and is a very nice fellow besides and I am sure sold the coin to me in good faith and will make good if it prooves to be false.

To return to the subject of the gold exhibition, I will send you the sketch I am writing for your criticism when it is done. The exhibit will consist of only about forty pieces and is confined to European coins (including as European some U. S. and South American). I have not touched on oriental coins except in one or two cases where there is a direct relationship.

I am still puzzled by the Byzantine piece sent you, which you said is of John II Comnenus. I can't find any coin of this ruler with reverse (convex) side like this one. The two figures overlap in a curious manner. At

First I thought it was a bad case of double striking but closer examination shows the two head are too different [illegible].

I think I wrote you that I drove down to Los Angeles early last month to meet May's sister Blanid who arrived there by boat from New York. She is still here with us and has considerably upset the even tenor of our ways which is one of the reasons my plans for the coin exhibit have been delayed.

I still wish you would take a vacation out this way. Why not this year and include the San Diego exposition which I hear is wonderful?

Always sincerely yours,

Arthur Crawford Spencer

June 13, 1935.

Mr. Arthur Crawford Wyman
Los Altos, California.

Dear Mr. Wyman:

Mr. Wood came in just for a few minutes today and after reading your letter over turned it over to me for the information you wanted. This is written on all the rubbings that you sent us.

The letter with the coin that you speak of has not arrived - when it does Mr. Wood will attend to it.

Very truly yours,

RR:JG

Assistant Curator

June 18, 1935.

Mr. Arthur Crawford Wyman
Los Altos, California.

Dear Arthur:

There is little to be said about your Singhalese gold coin. It strikes me as perfectly genuine. It was issued at a period when very little exact knowledge has come down. It belongs to a big series that simply has on it Sri Lanka Vibhu, meaning "The Fortunate Lord of Ceylon". We do not know the denomination of these pieces. They were supposed to have been made in the latter part of the 9th and 10th century A. D. and were copied from southern Indian coins. Codrington lists them under the head of Kahdvnu, which I think means a coin of a certain weight; I can't seem to make out just what from Codrington. I am afraid this is all I can tell you.

I was back at my class reunion. We average about forty at each meeting for the three days we were together. I think in all about fifty-five of the class showed up at one time or another.

Very sincerely,

HW:JG

Los Altos, California

August 19th, 1935

My dear Rowland:-

I am enclosing three rubbings of coins in regard to which I want a little assistance.

#1. Seljuk:- Date of issue? Ruler? Denomination? Where issued?

#2 Denier of the Carlovingian period. I find this piece described in different numbers of Spink's Circular and variously ascribed to

Louis le Debonnaire (781-840)
Louis le Begue
Louis l'Aveugle

I think the second is obviously wrong for Louis le Begue, though king of Aquitaine and of France was never emperor. Which of the other two should the piece be given to?

#3 Bactria. Denomination?

I find this piece also in a Numismatic Circular with a slightly different inscription. Also in this piece the letters of the king's name seem to be misplaced.

I am sending you under seperate cover for an opion a Roman piece which does not seem right to me. I am seeing so few of this sort of coin nowadays that I feel doubtful of my own judgement but this piece impressed me unfavorably the minute I saw it though I can't say just why. What do you think about it?

May's two sisters Blanid and Clare have been staying with us this summer. Blanid came out from New York and after being here three months has gone down to Hollywood. Clare came out from Chicago six weeks ago and will be here for the rest of the summer.

I took Blanid down to Hollywood when she left here and drove home, exactly 700 in 24 hours including all stops (breakfast, gas etc) I think that is pretty good for an old man.

I took a route I have never tried before and so avoid-one range of mountains. In one place I had a stretch of 70 miles of level road with only three bends in the whole distance. Once? could see the road straight ahead of me for over 30 miles with no cross roads and no other traffic.

While down south I went to a meeting of the California Coin Club and spoke for about twenty minutes on the equipment, library and activities of the A. N. S. On my next trip I will see if I can get some members.

You understand I am a liitle handicapped in proposing members for A. N. S. up here by what you wrote about Wernstrom. I have to be careful not to offend him by proposing others and not proposing him.

I still wish you could come out here.

Always sincerely,

Arthur Crawford Newman

P. S. I am also enclosing check in payment of my 1935 dues to the Society. Please hand it to Noe with my blessing. A.C.W.

August 21, 1935.

Mr. Arthur Crawford Wyman
Los Altos, California.

Dear Arthur:

I am returning the three rubbings you sent on for identification. As yet the Roman coin has not arrived. I am going to the country tonight for over a week but will see that Newell looks at this coin when he is in.

I should judge you were turning into a speed demon. We cannot make quite as good time that, as nearly every road now is posted as to how fast you can go. Connecticut in two or three weeks will have new speed laws. Heretofore they have had only safe and reasonable speed. All roads will be posted.

Sylvia has developed into a coalstress and has been modelling horses all summer. She is studying in Boston. With the increasing demand of the family for cars I have just bought a suburban or station wagon. Why we picked on this is because all the young ones demand such a vehicle as they consider it especially ritzy.

I have also put on two additions to the camp at Westport so the place is now twice the size. As yet I have not seen my way clear to get out to the coast.

In the last number of the Numismatic Chronicle I see you have still for your address 29 Pl. Dauphin, Paris. I have turned over your check to the proper authorities and you are now in good standing for the balance of the year.

Sincerely yours,

HW:JG

ARTHUR CRAWFORD WYMAN
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

October 8th, 1935

My dear Howland:-

Do you have any information about the issue or awarding of the Vigilante medals in San Francisco? For some reason no one out here that I have been able to come in contact with seems to know very much about them although the activities of the Vigilante's seems to be one of the sacred traditions of the place.

My recollection is that the medal Mr. Saltus gave the Society was of gold. Is that correct and could you send me a detailed discription of it or better yet a photagraph?

I have seen one and heard of six or seven other silver Vigilante medals that have turned up out here in the passed forty years and these are all that are known. Each of these is numbered the lowest number being under twenty and the highest over a thousand. (This information comes from a man who has seen several of them and is dependant upon his memory which is why it is not more definite) The interesting point is that apparently ~~that~~ altogether there were more than a thousand members of the Vigilante organization at one time or another and membership certificates bearing membership number are fairly frequently found. Certainly they are much commoner than the medals. This leads me to think, contrary to what I had previously thought, that the medal is not a membership medal but an award for some special service given to only a few, and bearing the recipient's membership number for identification.

If you have any information or opinions on the matter I should be glad to have them.

All this leads to another question and that is do you know any one who would be interested in buying one these medals (silver) now? It could be had for $350.00 which is less than some of the other specimens have sold for. This specimen is in nice condition . At present it is set in the front cover of a specially bound and rather rare book giving the history of the Vigilantes. It is so set that the reverse shows on the inside of the cover and both sides are protected by a watch crystal or some thing of the sort. The price includes the book, of course, which a book dealer out here tells sells for about a hundred dollars by itself. What I should like to do would.

be to find a buyer for the medal alone at $350. and then keep the book myself.

Do you think Elliott Smith would be interested? If you do, I could write to him direct about it.

I have a lot of other things to ask you but will wait till I get them all together.

Things have been a little difficult out here these past few months. We have had to help considerably some of May's family who have been in rather desperate shape as a result of the depression and still have one of her sisters here. On top of that a freak gale out here last week ripped the four ply tar and gravel roofing of the house which means about $250.00 for repairs just when I am least ready for it. In addition the gale was followed by rain, fortunately not very severe but enough to make several of our plaster ceilings a little shaky. The wind started about eight in the evening and before the roof went off our electric power went out. We are dependant upon it for both light and heat. We spent the night watching the ceailings by candle light. I have one room which has a matched board ceiling and we were prepared to move everything in there if the rain kept up. Luckily about midnight the rain stopped and the next morning I was able to get a temporary job done on the roof before the rain started again. About a dozen roofs in this vicinity were damaged more or less severly and numberless big trees were blown down. On the whole I don't think much of California and its climate just now.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur Crawford Wyman

November 12, 1935.

Mr. Arthur C. Wyman
Los Altos, California.

Dear Arthur:

You have me completely floored on the Vigilante medal. I do not remember that we have one. I have looked everywhere for it and do not find it. Can you give me some sort of a description of what it looks like, size etc.? I will keep on looking and will write you again, if I find anything.

Sincerely yours,

HM:J

ARTHUR CRAWFORD WYMAN
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

November 15th, 1935

My dear Howland:-

Your letter just received and I am beginning to wonder if my memory has played me a trick as, I regret to say, it has several times lately. At any rate I am trying to reconstruct my recollections in realtion to the "Vigilante" medal and realize that I have none actually in regard to the medal itself, except a rather vague impression that it was gold and engraved not struck. I have ~~xxxxxxx~~ really no visual memory at all of it. That is what I remember might ~~xxxxxx~~ be what some one had told me about a medal rather than of a medal I had seen myself.

What I do remember very distinctly is several talks I had with Mr. Saltus about it, one of them when I saw him in Paris. He told me that when he was visiting in San Francisco he had been approached by someone who had a "Vigilante" medal for sale. He discribed the whole matter as very mysterious and I know I thought at the time he was telling me that perhaps that funny little twist he showed mentally sometimes had not been responsible for a good deal of the mystery. I do remember that he said he had been very hesitatnt about making the purchase and I am wondering now if he did not also tell me that did not buy it instead of that he did buy it. Indeed, now that I have your letter it seems to me that that is what he did say.

I think I can check up on this point out here. There is a man here, a Mr. O'Shauneghessy, who knew Mr. Saltus and who also knew of his interest in the "Vigilante" medal. I met O'Shaunaghessy a couple of years ago and he said something about it but we were interrupted and I never have continued the conversation with him on the one or two times I have seen him since. He is by the way a large dealer in really rare stamps and the partner of one of the active members of our numismatic society out here.

Perhaps you never did have a "Vigilante" medal at the museum and that's why you can't find it but do you remember ever talking to Mr. Saltus about it?

Sincerely yours

Arthur Crawford Wyman

Over

P. S. I am sending you for the museum, under seperate cover a set of gold scales I got hold of the other day. There is nothing very remarkable about them except that they come directly from the Mother Lode country and apparently from the inscription on the case were of the type especially manufactured of sale out here during the gold rush days. If the museum doesn't want them, dispose of them any way you see fit. They might be interesting to show when you make a display of Private Gold issues.

Even if the Museum does not have the "Vigilante" medal, do you know anything about its issue and use? A. C. W.

November 21, 1935.

Mr. Arthur Crawford Wyman
Los Altos, California.

Dear Arthur:

The gold miner's scales arrived today and we are very glad to get them as we had nothing like it. I have looked again for the Vigilante medal and I am pretty sure we never had one. Mr. Saltus rambled on about so many things I really do not remember whether he ever took up this subject with me. You might write Elliott Smith, 26th St. and East River, New York and if he turns it down write F. C. C. Boyd, 237 E. 20th St., New York and he might be interested. These are the only two I can think of. I am sorry to know that thw wind has been playing hob with your house. However, if it isn't one thing it is another.

We got a beattiful collection of Greek and Roman coins the other day from F. Munroe Endicott - nearly everyone in absolutely uncirculated condition. They were mostly Roman and amount to 1100 pieces. I suppose you know Mr. Eidlitz died sometime ago and his medals have been left to us. Up to date we have not received them.

Sincerely yours,

HW:JG

Curator

ARTHUR CRAWFORD WYMAN
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

December 5th, 1935

My dear Howland:-

I have had to make another trip to Los Angeles during which I broke my dental plate and went on a soup diet for a week. As a result of all this however, I have learned some things which may interest you. To begin with you may remember that Dr. Pradeau, a dentist, had an article in the Numismatist some time ago in which he advocated the use of some dentists' materials for use in making the mold for plaster casts of coins. I have always wanted to look into his suggestions more fully and my recent visits to a dentist have given me the opportunity to examine the methods used by dentists in making molds for dental inlays etc. and I have learned a lot of materials and methods that you would find interesting and, I think, helpful in making coin casts. I shall not try to tell you about it but would suggest that you get some dentist you know to show you.

One thing I will mention. A little machine to gently vibrate the rubber bowl in which the plaster is mixed and the mold into which it is poured. By keeping them both vibrating all air holes are avoided.

Do you remember that some time ago I sent you a badly clipped Byzantine solidus which you attributed to John II, Comnenus (1118-1143). At the time I had nothing to use as reference for Byzantine coins but since then I secured the complete set of Spink's Circular with Goodacre's articles on the Byzantine Coinage, and I do not find any coin exactly corresponding with mine on the obverse (convex) side. The other (concave) side is similar to gold coin described by Goodacre in Spink's Circular, Jan. 1931, Col. 13, #5. but the reverse has two figures one apparently seated and the other standing but overlapping each other in a curious way. I am sending you a cast of this side. A piece is chipped out the cast on the right but the two figures show plainly. I wish you would see what coin of John II mine is and let me know.

Very truly yours,

Arthur C. Wyman

You need not return the cast.

December 16, 1935.

Mr. Arthur Crawford Wyman
Los Altos, California.

Dear Arthur:

I am pleased to hear that you have met Dr. Pradeau. He and I have been in intimate correspondence for the last two years as I have been editing an article of his on Mexican coins that is taking an immense amount of work on both of our parts. I have found him a most excellent correspondent, open-minded and willing to entertain all proper suggestions. The next time you see him remember me to him as he would probably like to have a little personal talk with you about me. Also, I would like to have your comments on him.

We have tried various plaster materials the dentists use, generally with good results but we still stick to our plasticine because we do not have to bother to warm it up or immerse it in warm water. We have a girl here making plaster casts who for several years worked for a dentist and she seems to prefer our method. The little machine, however, to vibrate the rubber bowl I will take up with her. She has been very successful both in the mixing, the pouring and the vibrating of the moulds afterwards in doing away with bubbles.

It is a funny thing but I do not remember that Byzantine solidus of which you sent a cast. I have carefully compared this with the illustrations in the B. M. Catalogue which is about as inclusive as any and find the right hand side is almost identical with one of John II Comnenus. The left hand side is probably of the same ruler as the style absolutely seems to be the same. This left hand side might possibly be, not probably be, of the following ruler but I do not think so. Newell and I have studied this piece and we both are of the conclusion that it is absolutely of a double striking, first from one die and then from another. Evidently the coin when first struck was just half struck, probably rejected, and then struck again, the second time from another die. In looking through the plates in the B. M. Catalogue I notice that a number of the gold coins were overstruck but could not make out whether they were struck over coins of previous reigns or not. Does the other side show the double striking as well?

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator